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About the Cover

The new presidential dollar coins are on their way, and Tom Fitzgerald gives you the latest scoop on these new exciting follow-ups to the Mint's widely successful 50 States Quarter program.

Due to the lucky timing of the publication we were able to ask the Mint to provide images for use in the publication, and through the generous and efficient efforts of their publicity department we were able to include a few here in this issue and on the cover. Look for these interesting additions to our hobby starting next year. Of course, you can read Tom's article right now starting on page 24!

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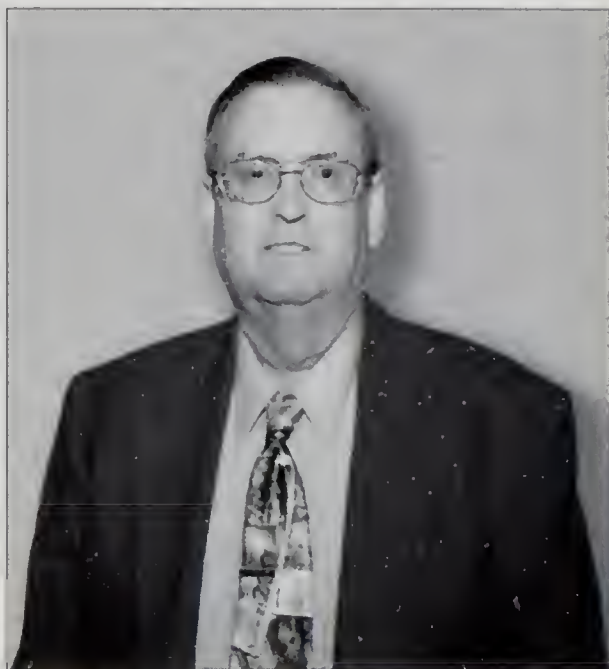
Welcome aboard our new flight 2006! This is your NASC president or captain speaking. We are about to take off on a special 2-year flight in numismatics. This is my first flight, so place all carry-on items in the overhead baggage compartment or under the seat in front of you. Place all seat backs and tray tables in their fully upright and locked positions, and then buckle up for a fun flight.

Other NASC Airlines flight crew members have been selected to provide optimum service and comfort to our members or customers. Speaking of customers or members, we need ideas on how to fill more seats. Who would like to be the NASC Membership chairperson? Our vice-president or first officer is Tony Micciche, pronounced like "mit-cha-kay" by some. Both experienced flight engineers, Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman and Recording Secretary Albertus Hoogeveen are back again to help keep NASC Airlines in order.

Our new NASC board members or flight attendants are as follows: Kenneth Arnold, Greg Burns, Virginia Bourke, George Moore III, Roy Iwata, Mary Yahalom, and Don Foster, known as an IPP. Someone has to be an IPP! (Immediate Past President.)

In our California-based air terminal, NASC Treasurer Kay Lenker monitors ticket sales and hauls the money to the bank. Ticket sellers, check-in agents, boarding agents, baggage handlers, and inspectors perform their tasks. Who are they? We like to call them committee chairs. If you want to volunteer for a job, contact us as we have a few openings available. Top priority is to fill the Gold Benefit Drawing chair position. Who will step forward and volunteer to help?

Attendants, please secure the cabin and prepare for takeoff. Our next NASC board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday (not Sunday), April 29th, at the Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road in Arcadia.



A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Gary Beedon".

Gary Beedon
NASC President

CSNA...

The CSNA emblem contains a sailing ship; Joel and I took our first cruise onboard Carnival Paradise last week (one could get used to that lifestyle), and those attending the recent CSNA Convention Banquet in San Jose were entertained by *pirates*! Hence the nautical theme.

Now that we are all back on land, CSNA wishes to thank all you supporters of CSNA. Greatly deserving of thanks are: the recruiter-members (remember: "recruit a member, get a medal" continues through 2006), our CSNA members who advertise in TCN (we love you), our banquet patrons, our very active CSNA board members (you're the *best*), our coin show patrons, all of our committees, our CSNA Educational Symposium teams in the north and south (we are so in awe of all you do), and our thanks to our NASC friends. We all work well together! Special thanks to the fine numismatic authors who contribute articles, also the fine letter writers, and our wonderful staff, lead by extraordinary editor Greg Burns, who keeps our proud ship, *The California Numismatist*, rolling and in ship-shape so you, the loyal readers, can keep reading!

Arrrr, matey! It has been a most nautical few months. Not only were the CSNA Thespians portraying pirates, as well as a pilot, and a piratess, but Joel and I were seated next to Mr. Mike "Steamer" Stanley, a sailor, at the Fiftieth "Golden" Anniversary Banquet of Delta Coin Club (our hearty congratulations!), celebrated in Stockton. Nautical themes are becoming the norm.

If you can't sail to one of the many numismatic activities listed within these pages, by all means, drive. "Sea" you at one soon!



Lila Anderson
CSNA President

Editor's Page

I see that some excitement is headed our way. The American Numismatic Association's (ANA's) 2009 World's Fair of Money is going to be held in Los Angeles, subject to successful negotiation of rates, dates, and space. As Dr. Sol Taylor noted recently, it's been quite a few years since we've had this event in the LA area, so start making your plans to attend.

I also wanted to point out that some folks are still using the old Glendora PO Box. Please use the new mailing address at PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711. This will make sure I reliably get the mail you send in.

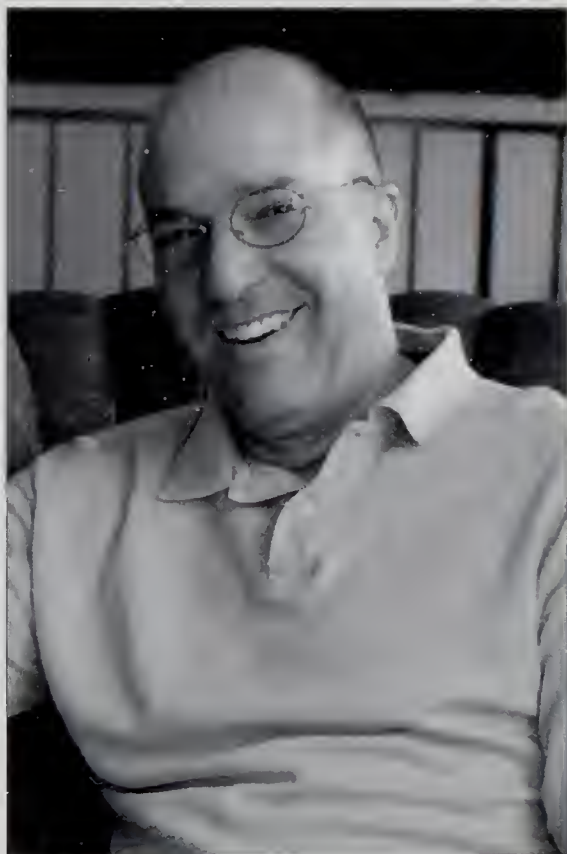
Tom Fitzgerald has written about some exciting news regarding the new presidential dollars program from the US Mint. I hope you're as excited about this as I am. I've already started looking for the new albums in the stores and on-line (just kidding, but they will be coming soon!)

Stan Turrini profiles yet another California Coin Pioneer in this issue: Al Lo. Read up on how Al got started in coins and all the activities he's been associated with. It'll make your head spin.

Bill Grant's submitted an article on a surprise party for Nona Moore, and the mysterious author *Anon* has sent in a tid-bit on Uncle Sam and how he got his moniker. You can read up on Sol Taylor's article on Haym Salomon, a man who put his money where his mouth was, or rather, where his country was.

Our regular contributors, Mark Watson, Stan Turrini, Mike Stanley, Kay Lenker, Gary Beedon and Lila Anderson, also did their part to make this issue of *The California Numismatist* one of the best ever. Please peruse their efforts and send in your comments to the editor (please use the new PO box.)

Though the Southern California Educational Symposium will be over by the time you read this (hope I saw you there), I guess the next big event for us to look forward to will be the Golden State Coin Show in August. Start making your plans now to attend; I know I am!



Greg Burns
Editor



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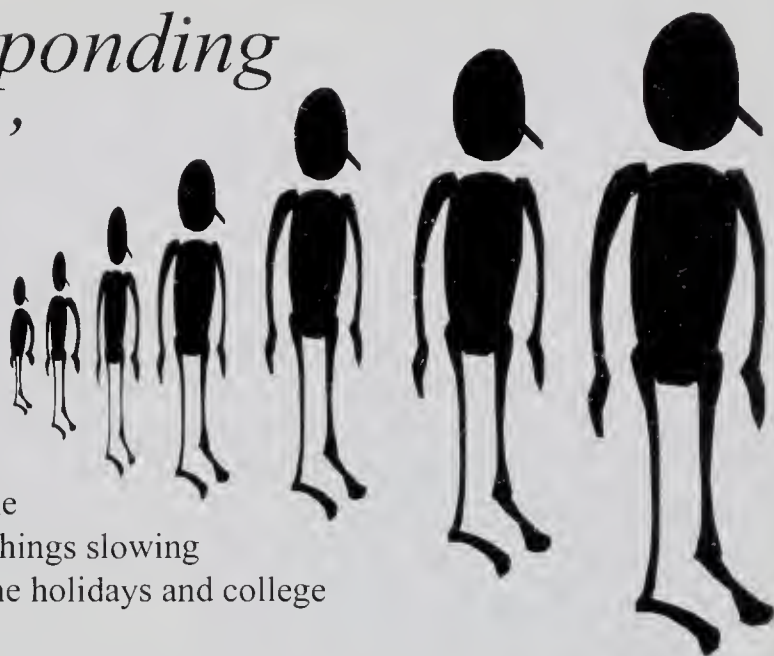


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The Corresponding Secretaries' Reports



CSNA—

by Dennis Halladay

Wow! Is your new year off to as busy a start as mine is? Whatever happened to things slowing down during winter once the holidays and college bowl games were over?

Then again, this is always a busy time in my office thanks to dues billing and renewals. This year, due to printing delays (plural, alas), membership dues notices were late and didn't get into the mail until early February. But they've been streaming in ever since, and more than half had already been returned before month's end.

If your dues envelope is still sitting somewhere on your desk or kitchen counter, please find it and send it back soon.

This quarter we welcome 10 new members, one of whom has joined our association as a Life member. All of them, curiously, are from California. It's seldom that we go an entire quarter without someone from out of state joining. In addition, one of our longtime Associate members has upgraded to Life membership. Welcome and congratulations to all!

NASC—

by Harold Katzman

The annual dues notices went out to all regular members whose last year's membership renewal was for one or three years. A total of 65 regular and club renewals went out. In addition, I mailed out 35 notices to those individuals who did not renew last year. Each of them received a short, signed note asking them to rejoin. I will be tracking them to see what success I have in regaining them back. Also, each and every renewal notice had a short, signed note informing them this is the last year for the 5-year \$50 renewal. I shall be tracking all renewals to see the percentage of one, three, and five-year renewals we get. So far we have received 13 renewals: 9 at one year, 2 at three years, and 3 at five years.

The following 13 members have reached the 25-year pin milestone:

Larry R. Bovo, #2269, SM 356
William J. Fragner, #2276
Melvin L. Cochran, #2289, SM 357
William C. Barlow, #2292, SM 338
Mike Follett, #2305, SM 383

John W. Highfill, #2327, SM 348
John R. Saunder, #2329, SM 328
Kerry Wetterstrom, #2338, SM 368
Donald W. Whaley, #2344
Bruce Kutcher, #2346, SM 330

Walter Ostromecki, Jr., #2345, LM 35 David L. Lisot, #2362, SM 345
Lynda B. Richard, #2347, SM 359

In addition, Henry Clifford (SM 31) achieved the 50-year pin milestone.
Finally, the Greater Orange County Coin Club was composed of several merging clubs, the oldest of which was the Garden Grove Coin Club (membership number 212), which brings the GOCCC also to a 50-year milestone.
In closing, would any readers with a current address for the following help me out? I have no addresses for Ray Bolduc (SM 377), Hy Brown (SM 22), Jean Hadley (#2417), or Andrew Lustic (SM 375).

NASC New Regular Member
Walter Lubell, #3020, Orange, CA

NASC Member Reinstated
Dennis Lotspeich, #2715

NASC Summary as of 1/18/06

Regular members	95
Sustaining members	173
Life members	15
Club members	26
Total membership.....	309

CSNA New Addresses
John Lorts, L-58-04
Still in Pueblo, CO

CSNA New Life Member
Don Willis, L-60-01 (GD)
Huntington Beach, CA

CSNA Upgraded to Life Membership
Freddie Grant, L-59-11
Patton, CA

CSNA New Regular Members
Daniel Dresser, R-6102 (IN)
Desert Hot Springs, CA
Lyle Okamoto, R-6103 (GD)
San Jose, CA
Len Soprano, R-6104 (P1)

Santa Paula, CA
Leo Pedretti, R-6105 (BF)
Fresno, CA
Peter J. Rosen, R-6106 (IN)
Marina Del Rey, CA
Matthew Pitagora, R-6107 (LK)
San Jose, CA
John S. Haydon, R-6108 (GD)
Morgan Hill, CA
James Robertson, R-6109 (IN)
Alameda, CA
Bradley Paino, R-6110 (NS)
Adelanto, CA

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NS = no sponsor
IN = Internet
GD = Gordon Donnell
PI = Phil Iverson
LK = G. Lee Kuntz
BF = Bill February

CSNA Members Deceased
Ray Hastey, L-35-06
Mission Viejo, CA

CSNA Summary:

Membership on Nov. 27, 2005.....	543
New Life members.....	1
New Regular members.....	9
Deceased	1
Membership on Feb. 26, 2006	552

Dear Members—Please Note!

If you’ve moved, please help us keep our addresses up to date. Take a moment to drop us a short note to ensure that you keep getting your copy of *The California Numismatist*:

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Surprise, Surprise...

by Bill Grant

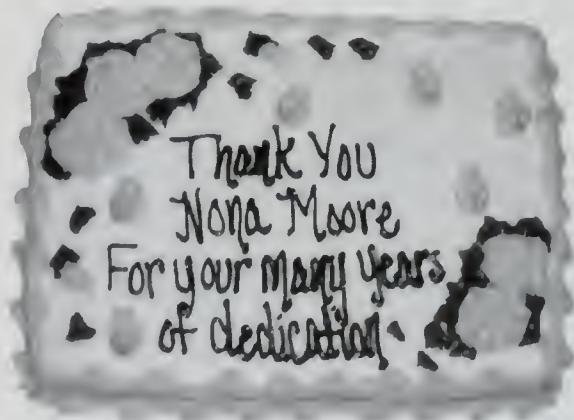
On December 13 the Fontana United Numismatists (FUN) surprised Nona Moore with a *Thank You, Nona* party. Twenty eight members and guests attended the event at the Sizzler Restaurant in Fontana.

Nona was being honored for many years of service to FUN. She joined the FUN club back in 1960 and has been a member ever since, becoming the backbone of the organization.

Testimonials by over half of the attendees relayed stories and remembrances of some of the great past events. In addition, a letter by CSNA President Lila Anderson was read by FUN President Freddie Grant. Among other gifts, FUN President Freddie Grant presented a large music box from FUN.

Since Nona is a duck collector, Master of Ceremonies Bill Grant told two duck stories to keep guests in the mood. A cake decorated with ducks was cut by Janet Reeves and everyone enjoyed a piece of duck cake.

All members attending the party



FUN President Freddie Grant (left) gives Nona Moore a helping hand cutting the first slice.

received a door prize. Nona, thinking this was a normal December meeting, brought additional bingo prizes which turned out to be Christmas gifts to all attendees.

Every December Nona makes a presentation to the club member who has received the most points for The Nona Moore "People's Choice" Display Night. This year's winner was Ron Stone.

One of the big stories of the night was when FUN Treasurer Tony Micciche announced to the guests that the cost of the event was being picked up by FUN.

Nona was truly surprised and grateful for the attention and a wonderful night was had by all who attended.



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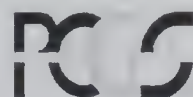
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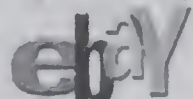


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California Coin Pioneer: Alvin (Al) H. W. Lo

by Michael S. Turrini



Al Lo (right) and author Michael Turrini at a recent coin show.

"You know, Michael, the first coin collector I met was back in 1960, and I thought that he was crazy," remarked Alvin (Al) H.W. Lo, as we began our interview this past November 13, 2005, during the Peninsula (California) Coin Club's Annual Show, in San Jose, California.

"He was 'nuts'," Al emphasized, pointing to his head. "He was looking for those 'small date' versus 'large date' 1960 Lincoln cents, and I

thought he was definitely goofy," he chuckled.

A well-known fixture and figure in California numismatics going back over thirty years, as well as my predecessor in the older *Calcoin News*, Alvin H.W. Lo, of San Jose, California, shared his remembrances and reflections with Michael S. Turrini.

"Michael, I thought it was so stupid, for he seemed to spend all his time looking for something 'small'

or 'big' on those common cents," Al retold. "What a waste!"

"But, Al, with all your exhibit awards and honors and service in the Cupertino Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club and Peninsula Coin Club, including being president of all three, how did you become interested in coins?" I asked.

"My brother, Karl, who lives in Hawaii where our family is from, got me interested in collecting the 1883 Kingdom of Hawaii issues during a visit years ago. I did not know anything about these coins but he said, 'try to get them all.' Since I was born and raised in Hawaii, until I left for college, this was something I could relate to," Al remarked.

"My first purchase, taking the hint from my brother, was an 1883 Hawaiian quarter, a BU one for \$25 back in 1965, and I still have it, too," he added.

"My second attempt was to purchase a dime, but the asking price of \$28 was too much for a single dime, it seemed," he laughed, knowing the same coin today commands \$250 or more.

Eventually, Al would assemble a full set of these rare and popular Kingdom of Hawaii 1883 issues, ten cents through the dollar.

From this brother's admonishment, Al expanded into the tokens and medals of Hawaii and assembled an outstanding collection of Hawaiian numismatics, numbering over 500 different pieces, representing all the islands and communities.

Al, at 63, is now retired, but not retired from organized numismatics, as any reading of *The California Numismatist* confirms. Presently, he

has returned as interim editor for the Cupertino Coin Club's monthly *Coin Press*.

"You might say, Michael, I have a lifetime career editing the *Coin Press*, for any replacement never stays long, for various reasons," he joked.

He has been editor for the *Coin Press* three different tenures, with the first beginning in 1980 and lasting until 1995.

"You might say the Cupertino Coin Club calls me in from the 'bull-pen' to pinch-hit for its *Coin Press*, and we are still looking for a permanent editor. "Do you want the job, Michael?" he asked hopefully.

"In fact, since I joined the CCC in 1972, I have held almost every office including president three times," he continued. "You have to say the CCC is absolutely my 'Home Coin Club'."

We continued to talk and exchange observations as the crowd came and went. Sitting at the show's combination youth and information table sponsored by the CSNA, off the entryway, our talk was often interrupted, not rudely, by a succession of hobbyists, stopping-by and saying hello to Al.

"I have a very strong opinion about joining local coin clubs or any group," he directed our next phase of the interview. "My rule is quite fixed: I do not join unless I can be an active participant. I do not believe in being just a 'dues-paying member'," he emphasized.

"For you and Gordon R. Donnell, that is not your approach. But, my objectives are to be involved and do my share," he again explained.

Presently, his memberships are the Cupertino Coin Club, San Jose Coin Club, Peninsula (Palo Alto) Coin

Club, CSNA, Hawaii State Numismatic Association, Northern California Numismatic Association, and the American Numismatic Association.

"How do you define an 'active participant'?" I inquired.

Speaking from his own experiences, Al listed the ways any member can become an "active participant."

"First one is easy. Do 'Show 'n Tells.' Share your collection and 'interesting stuff'. Anyone can do 'Show 'n Tells.' That is the first," he began.

"Next serve as an officer, or if you are reluctant to be one, become what I call, the 'total coin club volunteer': work at the shows, assist setting-up the meetings and events, and be available when asked."

"The final one is giving talks at your club meetings," he continued. For Al, the latter includes, over the years, his talks on *How To Build A Prize-Winning Exhibit*, several versions of *Hawaiian Numismatics*, and *Apollo Space Flights*.

Related to talks is exhibiting, a very serious endeavor for Al, who estimates that he "has exhibited well-over two hundred times." He continues showing an exhibit until it wins the highest award possible.

"Yes, I read the judges' comments, talk to the judges and visitors, and then make changes and modifications before each showing, until I win the Best-in-Show award. One serious complaint I have about exhibiting is viewing the exact same exhibit at several coin shows. That is not what I do with my exhibits. After a year or two, the exhibit is retired and replaced," he strongly stated. "I like the challenge of creating a brand new exhibit!"

A reading of the Cupertino *Coin*

Press, the *Todo Dinero* of the San Jose Coin Club, the old *Calcoin News*, and the current *California Numismatist* would verify that Al's exhibits have earned an impressive number of firsts and Best-of-Shows.

"In fact with so many firsts and Best-of-Shows, my wife, Pearl, wants to know where the trophies, plaques, and awards that fill our entire house are to go," he laughed.

Al's background is traced to his late father who emigrated from mainland China in 1912, landed in Hawaii, and raised a family while progressing in positions with the historic Bishop National Bank, now called the First Hawaiian Bank.

"Did your late Dad collect?" I asked.

"No. But several years after the gold surrender order came in 1933, he was working at the bank as a teller. As individuals redeemed ten dollar gold Eagles, he paid the teller tray to balance the books and kept the gold coins as souvenirs," Al retold.

"He was never interested, even years later, in coins, but, he held these three ten dollar Eagles and one five dollar Half Eagle, for us, with the understanding that each of the four children got one for their first child," Al continued.

"My oldest daughter, Jennifer, is 33 and when she gets married, I will give her, as a wedding gift, an 1890-S Eagle. Hopefully, the Eagle can be passed-down in the family," he mentioned.

Al left Hawaii to attend college, far from the sun and sand of Hawaii's famous beaches, to the corn fields and flat land of Iowa, where he attended and graduated with a BSEE, Bachelors



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of Science, Electrical Engineering, from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

His career brought him partially back in distance to California, to the South Bay's famous Silicon Valley where he worked first for Lockheed and then with a long career for IBM.

It was during these days with Lockheed at its huge Sunnyvale, California facility that Al became associated with the Lockheed Coin Club, a loosely held organization that gathered in the main cafeteria and was sponsored by LERA, the Lockheed Employees Recreation Association. Even to this day, its monthly meetings remain legendary among older coin hobbyists, and the meetings, surprisingly, were open to anyone.

"There were always five or six dealers present, and the room was filled, sometimes with a hundred or more in attendance. Several 'old-timers' can attest to that," he commented.

During those days, Al became interested in Canadian commemorative dollars, and worked collecting these dollars until the mid-1970s, when these "became too many and too expensive."

"I might have stopped collecting Canadian, but I still have those dol-

lars," he laughed.

Although Al has been active in the hobby for nearly forty years, his three children, all now adults and into their careers and lives, ages 26-33, have no interest in numismatics.

"They used to, and I would bring them to the meetings. But after a while, it became sports, girls/boys and babysitting jobs", he chuckled.

As the time progressed, our exchange turned to individuals we have known in the hobby.

"For me, the top of my list is the late Ron Miller," he commented with a noticeable crack in voice.

Ron Miller, Ronald Lee Miller (1944-1993), was among the most respected and established coin dealers in California from the 1970s into the early 1990s, until his tragic murder.

"Ron had the quality, and he was truly a 'dealer's dealer.' His knowledge and his integrity were absolute," he began.

"Once, pausing at his table at some show, I noticed a Half Eagle in the case and asked to see it. He said 'take a good look,' and liking it, I asked how much. The price was good, and I bought it, passing the money to Ron. As you know, Ron knew every coin in his case and stock, literally each and

every one. He had a code system on the 2x2 or flips,” Al continued.

“Just after I had paid him, he asked ‘Al, let me get the number off the back.’ I handed him the Half Eagle, and he paused and said, ‘Al, I should have charged you four times more for this year and grade, but a deal is a deal. It is yours,’ and handed the Half Eagle to me,” Al reminisced.

“I never forgot that and still have the Half Eagle in my collection,” he noted.

“Ron’s reputation and respect were famous and well-known. For me, to be honored with the coveted Miller Medal of the Northern California Numismatic Association back in December, 2002, was literally the high point of my time in organized numismatics,” he proudly remarked.

The Miller Medal, properly titled the Ron Miller Memorial Award, is the Northern California Numismatic Association’s highest and most esteemed honor and is considered among the most prestigious awards for a California numismatist.

“I would not be right in not mentioning the late Frank Nielsen among my mentors,” he mentioned. “You never can forget your mentors, or should not,” he admonished.

“Frank, he inspired me to do everything devoted to the Cupertino Coin Club by following in his foot steps,” Al remarked.

“Cupertino Coin Club was unique as a local coin club, for Frank founded it specifically to assist local youngsters in our hobby. He was always good with helping youngsters. Helping the kids was paramount to Frank, and that is why, to this date, our club meets on a Friday evening, for example, and

always welcomes and wants kids present,” he proudly added.

We continued to talk and share memories and thoughts about the hobby. As noted, Al was the former assistant editor for *Calcoin News*, serving six years, after having been asked by the late and legendary Virginia Hall to help her.

“She liked my Cupertino *Coin Press*, maybe because I did it for so long,” he joked.

“Michael, we have talked about important people in my life who are no longer here to read about themselves. Let me mention some people who I admire and have helped me in my long career in numismatics. Many of these people, who were once mere acquaintances, have become lasting good friends. They are the hardworking and dedicated people that are working tirelessly and without pay to help keep my coin clubs healthy and viable. They are the ones who make the hobby enjoyable,” Al exclaimed.

“Since my home coin club is the Cupertino Coin Club, let me say that while Frank Nielsen was the ‘father’ of the club, Katherine Ray is truly the ‘mother’ of the club. Like a good mother she makes sure that many of the often-overlooked things are done. She is the unofficial club historian emeritus who remembers all of the important dates, events, and traditions of the club.

“Ken Barr is the ‘technical advisor’ who can be counted on to give advice and share his knowledge on everything concerning numismatics, on grading, pricing, and history, with providing information on current numismatic events, with helping with club operational details, and with keeping a



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“For my other local clubs, my hat goes off to long time leaders, Richard Douglas and Fred van Den Haak of the Peninsula Coin Club and to Larry Benson and the Ray Johnson Family of the San Jose Coin Club. Without these dedicated sparkplugs we wouldn’t have enjoyable and educational coin club meetings.”

We next talked about Al’s passion for Hawaiian numismatics.

“You know it is the thrill of the hunt: locating something in the ‘never-ending’ Hawaiian tokens and medals, Hawaiiana. Every coin show is like going to an Easter-Egg Hunt! I began seriously collecting Hawaiiana in 1965 with a 1959 Hawaii Statehood Year Commemorative Medal set made by noted numismatist, Clifford Mishler. I purchased it from Harvey Rose at a long-gone West Coast Numismatic Association (WCNA) Show and the set contained one of only 25 gold medals made. It cost me \$125.00, one of my first major purchases,” Al noted. At

that time, Al was making about \$160 per week!

“Later, in 1995, I met Clifford Mishler, when the American Numismatic Association was in Anaheim, California that year, and he autographed the page in the Metcalf and Russell standard Hawaiian reference that denotes his commemorative medal set,” he remarked with pride.

Al referred to Donald Metcalf and Ronald Russell’s recognized standard reference, Hawaiian Money, Standard Catalog.

“That was nice. To have the medals and to have the autograph,” he noted.

“Of course, I should tell you about the time in 1966 I purchased a 1907 Double Eagle, in BU, with Arabic numerals, for \$65. A few years later, I noticed a higher grade one, a pristine one, which put my 1907 to shame, at \$85. I passed,” he joked. “You have to remember then my weekly salary was only \$175. But, I would have something worth much, much more today. Oh, well,” he chuckled.

We continued to talk. About his service to the Cupertino Coin Club, the several medals and the club’s logo he has created, with his famous ‘ALO’ initials, and other subjects; the time

seemed not to end, but his pursuit for another item in his Hawaiian numismatics collection beckoned, and my duties required my attention at the combination youth and information table.

“Al, just out of curiosity, before you leave, what are your middle initials, H.W.?” I asked.

“It is Cantonese for ‘Hung Wai,’ my Chinese middle name. But, you can just call me ‘Al’,” he retorted.

We were now at the end of our two-hour or so exchange; I asked Al if he had something to share. Pausing, he mumbled something about his medal designs, laughed about exhibits he has done, remembering the hours—many hours—editing the *Coin Press*, even recollected our first meeting, and his annual trips to Hawaii, where “I do

not plan to relocate. California is my home, now and forever. Grandkids will be here. Of course, none of my three kids have any yet,” he gave a final laugh.

Rising to leave to see a dealer on some Hawaiian token, Al paused and said strongly, “Share this with the readers in the *California Numismatist*: numismatics is fun and educational for the young and old, and it improves your health, wealth, and happiness! Join a coin club and become an active member.” These say it all.

Thanks, Al, it seems you will still be at it for years and years!



Mr. Peter Hamilton (left), a coin dealer friend of Al's, along with Al Lo himself and Stan Turrini.

The Legend of Uncle Sam

by Anon

The prototype of the “Uncle Sam” who symbolizes our country was born Samuel Wilson in Arlington, Massachusetts, in 1766. Sometime later his father moved the family to Mason, New Hampshire, and in 1789 Samuel and his brother, Ebenezer, journeyed on foot to Troy, New York.

In New York they first engaged in brick-making and then in several other enterprises. By 1812 they had a prosperous meatpacking business in which they secured a contract to supply meat to the U. S. Government for the U.S. Army.

Elbert Anderson was the Army officer who was responsible for these supplies. As he inspected the barrels he marked them: E.A.—U.S. While they were loading the barrels one soldier asked another what these initials stood for. The second one, who was a Trojan and knew that Samuel Wilson was usually called “Uncle Sam,” and was furnishing the beef for the Army, answered that the initials stood for “Elbert Anderson and Uncle Sam.” The joke caught on and soon the United States was often called “Uncle Sam,” similar to England being called “John Bull.” The reference to this appeared in the press quite often and gradually cartoonists evolved a figure to personify the country.

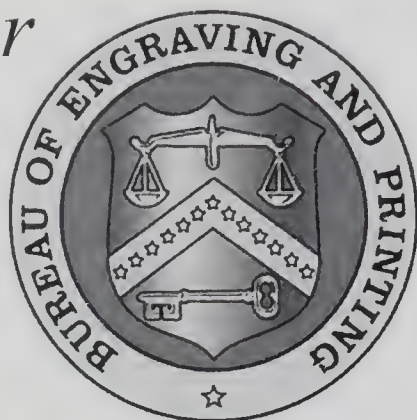
Efforts of a group of concerned Trojans were successful in securing congressional recognition in 1961. In 1931 a monument had been erected at Samuel Wilson’s grave in Oakwood Cemetery, Troy, New York, by his granddaughter, Marion Sheldon. Each year a service is held there on his birthdate, September 13th. However, I wonder today if this does still occur.

Bibliography: Unknown - just gleaned from old clippings.



The One Dollar Silver Certificates of 1899

by Bill Febuary



The Silver Certificates of 1899 are today a very popular note that originated from an engraving by G. F. C. Smilie and titled *The Eagle of the Capitol*.

It spreads its wings over the portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, both United States presidents. The presidents' engravings were also done by Smilie. The Lincoln portrait was based on the photograph by Mathew Brady. Mathew Brady was a pioneer photographer and is famous for his early portraits and pictures of the Civil War. He was born in 1823 and died in 1896.

There were 13 different varieties of this famous note and 10 different signature combinations. The Series Types were what distinguished the notes, one from another, as well as the signature combinations. The notes that are presented in this article are the four different Series Types that were produced.

We shall describe them as type 1, type 2, type 3 and type 4.

First, we start with type 1, in which the words *Series of 1899* are located above the serial number on the right side of the note.

On type 2 notes, the *Series of 1899* is located below the serial number on the right side of the note.

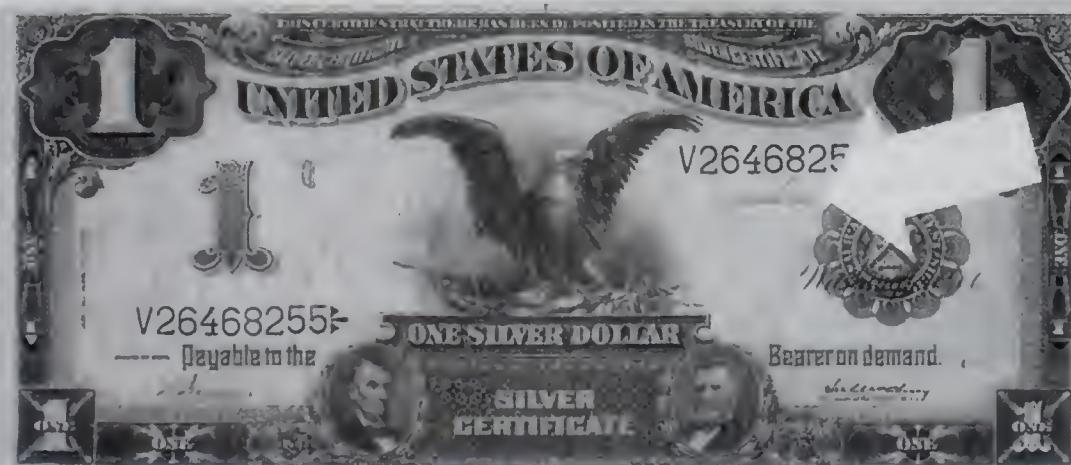
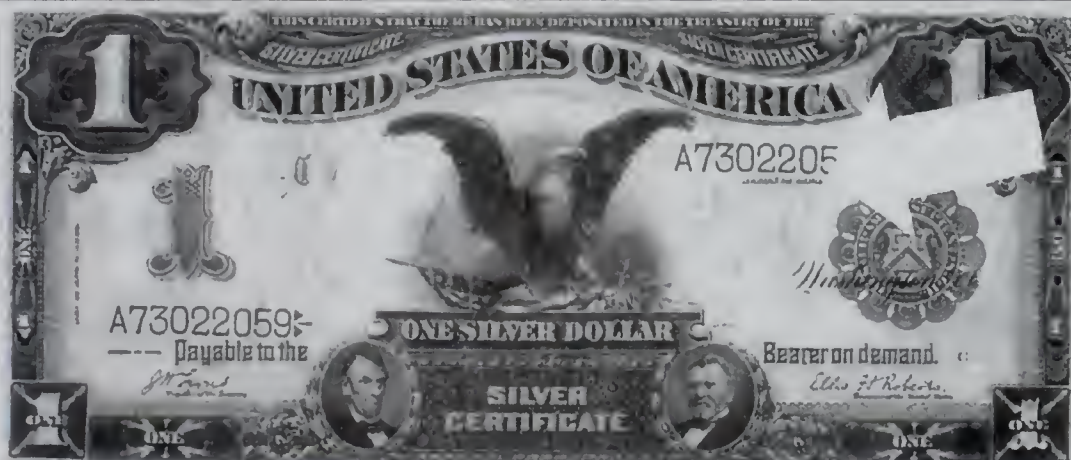
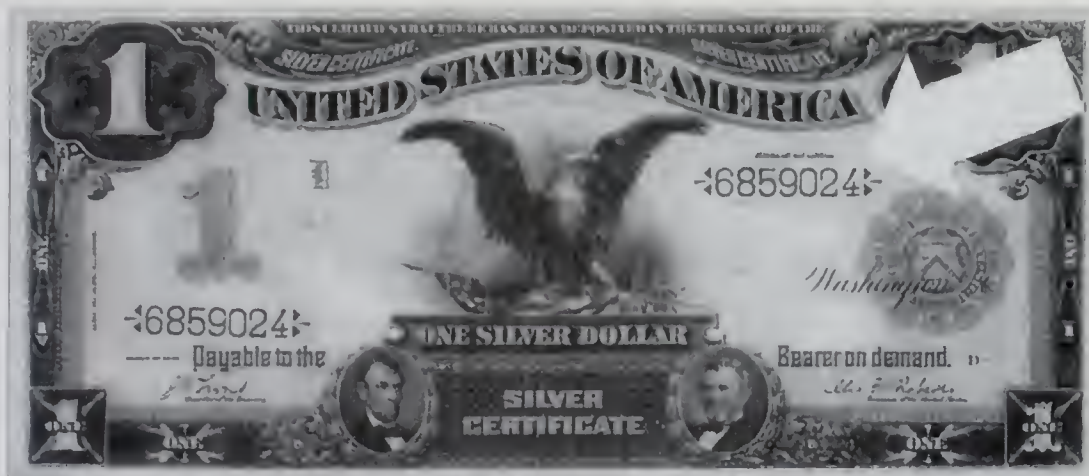
The type 3 notes show the *Series of 1899* located far below the serial number on the right side of the note.

For type 4 notes, the *Series of 1899* is located vertically to the right of the serial number on the right side of the note.

A sample of each type note illustrating the various locations of the words *Series of 1899* is pictured on the opposite page.

From the BEP Web site at www.moneyfactory.com:

In accordance with an Act of Congress, dated February 28, 1878, the Department of the Treasury issued to the public Silver Certificates which could be exchanged for silver dollars. On March 25, 1964, the Secretary of the Treasury announced that Silver Certificates would no longer be redeemable for silver dollars. Subsequently, another act of Congress dated June 24, 1967, provided that Silver Certificates could be exchanged for silver bullion for a period of one year, until June 24, 1968. Even though silver certificates are no longer printed, those which remain outstanding are still legal tender and can be spent just like a Federal Reserve Note.



Revolutionary War Financial Hero: Haym Salomon

By Dr. Sol Taylor

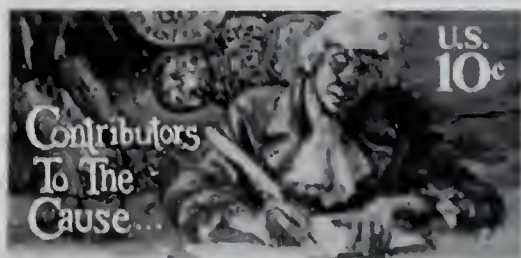


The first national recognition for Revolutionary War hero Haym Salomon came in 1975 with the issue of a commemorative postage stamp. Starting in 1971 President Richard Nixon declared the period of 1771-1976 as the American Revolutionary Bicentennial, also known as "ARBC". The dual five pointed star was adopted as the official emblem of the ARBC and it appears on each commemorative stamp of that period covering exactly 100 different stamps. The first stamp Scott catalogue number 1432 featured the ARBC emblem as the central design.

The Haym Salomon stamp shows a colonial figure writing with a quill pen. In the background are four

foreign coins of the era—identified as a Spanish (probably a colonial issue 8 reales) coin, a French coin of unknown denomination and two other coins partially shown. The theme is to illustrate Salomon's actual role in the period as the officially designated "Broker to the Office of Finance of the United States." He acquired that position during the Revolution as his job in Philadelphia as a bill broker. In his case, his role was to purchase and sell at a discount innumerable foreign currencies circulating along the Atlantic seaboard.

He arrived in New York as an immigrant from Poland in 1772 at the age of 32. Because he was more familiar with European coins of the period and their exchange rates, he easily fit into the brokerage field. He was also appointed about 1776 by the French consulate as the "Treasurer of the French Army in America." His typical fee was one quarter percent of the total value of each transaction. The vast ar-



Haym Salomon  *Financial Hero*

Stamp Scott No. 1561, Haym Salomon, was issued in 1975 by the US Postal Service.

ray of Continental currencies and various bonds created a growth industry for exchanges as the paper currencies and bonds often had to be exchanged for gold or silver coins—the United States had none at the time.

His efforts to place values of exchange on Continental currencies (“not worth a Continental” was a catch phrase of the time) made him a very popular “banker” at the time (actually a broker). He personally gave interest free loans to many Revolutionary leaders who were always short of hard currency—including Presidents Madison and Jefferson, and James Wilson, Edward Randolph, and Generals von Steuben and Mifflin of the Continental Army. The diaries of Robert Morris, superintendent of finances, contain several appreciative references to the “little Jew broker” (Salomon).

Salomon died in 1785 at the age of 45 and left a widow and four children. A total of \$638,000 in hard currency was owed him at the time, but was never collected and his family was left insolvent. His cash and carry methods were gratefully accepted in light of the times, but unlike more modern financial practices, the paper trails often were scanty. Attempts to obtain funds from presidents up to John Tyler by his heirs were unsuccessful and subsequent attempts to get a medal in Salomon’s honor were never approved.

The first public recognition of Salomon’s contributions were incorporated in a statue erected in Chicago in 1941 from private funds honoring Haym Salomon along with George Washington and Robert Morris. Statues of Salomon have been erected in New York City and Los Angeles. The

Los Angeles statue was recently relocated to a corner lot near the Farmer’s Market in the Fairfax District.

The back of the Salomon stamp is inscribed:

*FINANCIAL
HERO—Business-
man and broker*

Haym Salomon was responsible for raising most of the money needed to finance the American Revolution and later to save the new nation from collapse.

Each stamp issued for the ARBC bears the entwined star symbol show on Scott # 1432.

The accounts of Salomon’s life in America are detailed in the book, *A History of Jews in America* by Howard M. Sachar, 1993, Vintage Books, pp. 24-26.



The ARBC stamp.

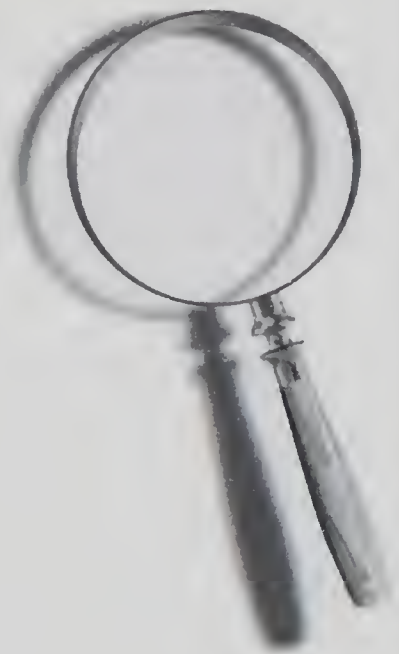


A 1973 medal of Haym Salomon, Patriot, by Paul Vincze

Through the Numismatic Glass:

The Presidential Dollars!

by Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald



A proposal to use the images from the US Mint's existing presidential medals was defeated in favor of original designs for the new program. Shown here is one of the candidate designs for the first coin which will feature George Washington.

Public Law 109-145, The Presidential One Dollar Coin Act of 2005, was passed by both houses of the Congress and presented to President Bush on December 15, 2005. The President signed it into law on December 22, 2005.

This legislation directs the United States Mint to produce U.S. one-dollar coins with engravings of the United States presidents on the obverse. The program will begin on January 1, 2007 and, similar to the 50 State Quarters Program, will end when every president who is eligible has been honored. The law stipulates that the president must have been deceased for at least two years. Each year four presidents will be honored in chronological order.

The reverses of these coins will bear the Statue of Liberty and the

appropriate inscriptions including the denomination, year of mintage of the coin, mottoes, etc. Interestingly, the word *Liberty* would be omitted because the Statue of Liberty satisfies the requirement.

The Use of Presidential Portraits on Regular U.S. Coins

The appearance of portraits on the coins of the new nation, such as our first president, George Washington, was debated by our Founding Fathers. In the first Congress of 1791, a bill was introduced that called for our first president's image to appear on the nation's coinage. However, Washington strongly disapproved of the plans. As a result, when the famous Mint Act of April 2, 1792 became law, the

obverse designs were to be a depiction of Liberty.

This symbol of Liberty was left to the coin designer's imagination such as that on the 1793 Chain variety large cent. Other images of Liberty were similar to the obverses found on ancient Greek coins including the Liberty Cap. Still other coins showed seated or standing figures to represent Liberty. Later designers utilized the American Indian.

Over 100 years of the nation's coin designs had passed when President Theodore Roosevelt determined to change the images on American coins. The Indian-Head cent had been minted since 1859. Fifty years of this concept representing Liberty prompted President Roosevelt to seek a new design. Why not honor one of this nation's most revered presidents who was born one hundred years earlier in 1809? For the first time in the nation's history, a regular circulating coin, Brenner's Lincoln Portrait Cent, was struck beginning in 1909.

Thus began a significant change in the obverse of the coinage of the United States. Jefferson nickels, Roosevelt dimes, Washington quarters, Franklin and Kennedy half-dollars, and Eisenhower dollars followed these cents.

The Presidential Dollar Coin Program

The Mint's artist/engravers proceeded to propose obverse designs for the first four presidential coins to be struck beginning in 2007. The Mint's presidential portraits were copies from the bronze presidential medals that had long been available to the public. The only differences were the mandated

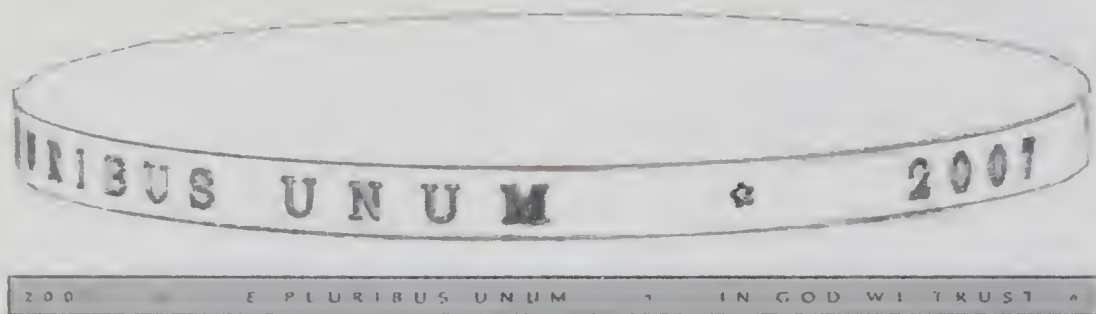
inscriptions and some ornamentation surrounding the portraits of George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Madison

The reverse designs of these coins, as mandated by the law, were to be a "dramatic representation of the Statue of Liberty." Inscriptions on the reverse include the denomination, "United States of America," and the appropriate mottoes. This design will be completed at a later date.

The Commission of Fine Arts and The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee

The Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the proposed obverse designs for the first four Presidential dollars on January 19, 2006. The Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee completed their review on January 24, 2006. Both groups were opposed to the Mint's plan to utilize portraits from the medal series. With a unanimous vote, the committee urged the Mint to seek original designs for the dollars in place of those found on the presidential medal series.

At first the Mint was reluctant to change the images. Mint officials stressed the need to quickly adapt the designs in order to get the coins into production to meet the 2007 deadline. However three days after the meeting of the advisory committee, it was announced that the Mint would seek additional designs. "Consistent with the Presidential Dollar coin legislation, the United States Mint is committed to making the new dollar coins a success with dramatic, bold designs" according to a statement released on January 27th. The more than two dozen artists



A depiction of the planned edge lettering. There were three different styles presented to the CCAC on February 28.

in the Artistic Infusion Program will be invited to submit their concepts for the dollar coins. Mint officials plan to present new designs for the four coins at the next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts in late February and the Citizens Coinage Advisory Committee in early March.

Production Plans for the Dollars

The Presidential dollars are to be struck in the same manganese-bronze clad composition as the Sacagawea dollars with the wide rim. It is hoped these dollars will enter circulation to satisfy the need of the nation's private sector for a one-dollar coin.

Unlike the 50 State Quarter and Westward Journey Nickel programs that suspended the mintage of the regular designs during these programs, the Presidential Dollar law requires the Mint to continue to strike Sacagawea dollars. In fact, at least one third of the dollar coins issued must be Sacagawea dollars. The Sacagawea design will continue after the end of the Presidential dollars. These requirements were included at the insistence of the North Dakota congressional delegation. This was done to insure that Sacagawea,

who North Dakota considers to be one of their own, would remain the portrait on the United States dollar coin.

Although original versions of the bill called for the removal from circulation of dollar coins such as the Eisenhower and Susan B. Anthony pieces, the final version of the law requires the Secretary of the Treasury to merely "study" the matter and report back to Congress. In addition, the original version of the bill called for dollars to be struck for all presidents, living or dead. Some suggested that no living person should appear on regular circulating coinage of the United States. This was changed in the final version of the legislation. It now reads: "No coin issued under this subsection may bear the image of a living former or current President, or of any deceased former President during the 2-year period following the date of the death of that President."

Under this legislation, it will take eleven years to honor all of the presidents. Of special interest is the plan that allows a dollar coin for each of Grover Cleveland's non-consecutive terms as president. George W. Bush is the 43rd president. However, this series may not run for eleven years. The



Here are a couple of the proposed designs received from the US Mint's publicity department. There were between 8 and 12 differing designs for each of the first four presidents.

act provides that no former president will be depicted on a coin within two years of his death. The law provides that the series will end when all of the "then-eligible" presidents have been honored.

Listed below is the schedule of dollar coins bearing the likenesses of the presidents:

- 2007—George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison
- 2008—James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren
- 2009—William Henry Harrison, John Tyler, James K. Polk, Zachary Taylor
- 2010—Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln
- 2011—Andrew Johnson, Ulysses S. Grant, Richard B. Hayes, James A. Garfield
- 2012—Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, Grover Cleveland
- 2013—William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Woodrow Wilson
- 2014—Warren G. Harding, Calvin

Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin D. Roosevelt

2015—Harry S. Truman, Dwight D. Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson

2016—Richard Nixon, *Gerald Ford, *Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, *George H. Bush

2017—*Bill Clinton, *George W. Bush, *Future Presidents

** If these presidents or future presidents are still living, they will not be honored on the one-dollar coin. No former presidents will be depicted on a coin within two years of his death; therefore the years and sequence of these coins could vary depending upon which ones are still living.*

Other Provisions for Coin

This law also provides for three other commemorative issues. They are:

1. The issuance of a \$10 bullion coin for each First Lady. These are to be struck at the same time as the dollar coin honoring her husband
2. The issuance of \$50 bullion gold

and proof coins reproducing the 1913 Buffalo nickel as designed by James Earl Fraser.

3. Redesigning the reverse of the Lincoln cent in 2009 to depict four different scenes from Abraham Lincoln's life to honor the bicentennial of his birth. The cents with different reverses are to be struck on copper planchets (not copper-coated zinc), and a fifth reverse design will be used in 2010 depicting Lincoln's preservation of the union.



One of the Thomas Jefferson designs and a selection of 4 out of the 21 differing designs for the reverse.



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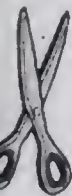
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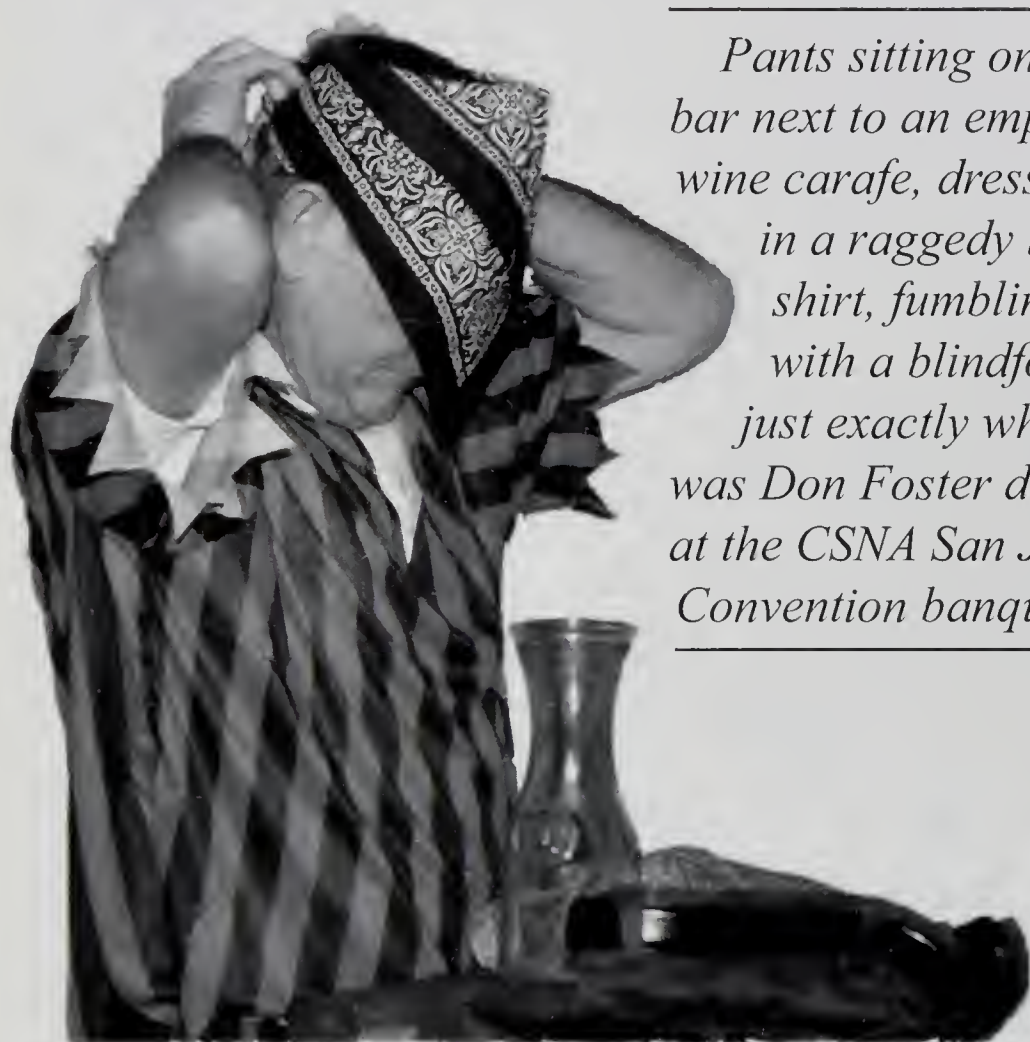
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CSNA Convention and Banquet Report



Pants sitting on the bar next to an empty wine carafe, dressed in a raggedy torn shirt, fumbling with a blindfold: just exactly what was Don Foster doing at the CSNA San Jose Convention banquet?

The CSNA held its 118th convention in San Jose in January. There was a light rain, but that didn't stop dedicated collectors from attending one of the state's top shows.

This year the show was back at the usual stomping grounds in the Parkside Hall, a roomy (and dry) venue that was by-passed last year because of competing events. Hosting the convention was the San Jose Coin Club (www.sanjosecoinclub.org).

Exhibits, chaired by SJCC member Fred Davis, were many and interesting, with Al Lo's *What is Your Zodiac*

Sign? taking best-of-show, Ryan Johnson's *Desert Storm Medals and Cards* taking first place in the youth category, and Ron Ishizaki's *1909 Portola Festival* taking first place in the adult category. No award was made for CSNA or CES best of show.

The banquet was again at Original Joe's Restaurant, and the food was (thankfully) completely cooked this year...very delicious when they pay attention. Poor Joel Anderson, who made the arrangements for the banquet and did much advance work in preparation, was barely able to attend, just

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Ron Ishizaki's 1909 Portola Festival exhibit educated the public about the celebration of the discovery of San Francisco Bay by Gaspar de Portola. The festival was a five-day party and had a significant output of exnumia, as Ron's exhibit showed.

wobbling in fresh from a bout with pneumonia.

Banquet entertainment was again provided by the CSNA Thespians: Phil Iversen, Bill Grant, Don Foster, Michael S. Turrini, Virginia Bourke, G. Lee Kuntz, Joel Anderson, and Lila Anderson. The skit, *The Pirates of CSNA*, was a hoot, with much mirthful scurrying about, fancy swordplay, and

a fair amount of swaggering (arrrr!)

As always, there was something unusual about the banquet tickets (they're a collectible in themselves). This year, the tickets were printed on German 100 mark notes of 1920. When originally issued, the notes would have purchased a nice banquet for you and your guests at a fine restaurant. Within three years however,



The bourse floor was an impressive expanse of dealers tables with all kinds of goodies.



Your CSNA elected officials hard at work during the open board meeting in San Jose.

the value of the German mark had totally collapsed and the note was not even worth the paper it was printed on.

Also at the banquet, CSNA 25-year membership awards were awarded to thirteen recipients:

Dick Armstrong
Kenneth Fowler
Charles G. Garabedian
Henry G. Garrett
Freddie Grant (attending)
Jeff Heath
David W. Lange
Joe P. Leone
Thomas A. Ports
Fritz Terplan
Richard L. Walker
William H. White, Jr.
Fred C. Weinberg



Above: G. Lee Kuntz overlooks Joyce Kuntz (left) and Lila Auderson staffing the CSNA table at the show.

Below: the bellicose Pirates of CSNA. From left: Bill Grant, Phil Iversen, Virginia Bourke, Don Foster, Michael S. Turrini and G. Lee Kuntz.



Roy Johnson happily accepts a honorarium of \$150 from CSNA President Lila Anderson on behalf of San Jose Coin Club for their usual spectacular hosting of the convention. Roy also received on SJCC's behalf a set of off-metal strikes of the CSNA official convention medal. These were eventually given over to the SJCC Curator Ken Barr.



From left: Michael S. Turrini, as California Exonumist Society (CES) president, bestowed this commendation to G. Lee and Joyce Kuntz for their exemplary and enthused devotion to the society.



Michael S. Turrini must have been in an award-bestowing mood, because he followed up the above CES award with this CSNA award for 25 years of membership to Freddie Grant.

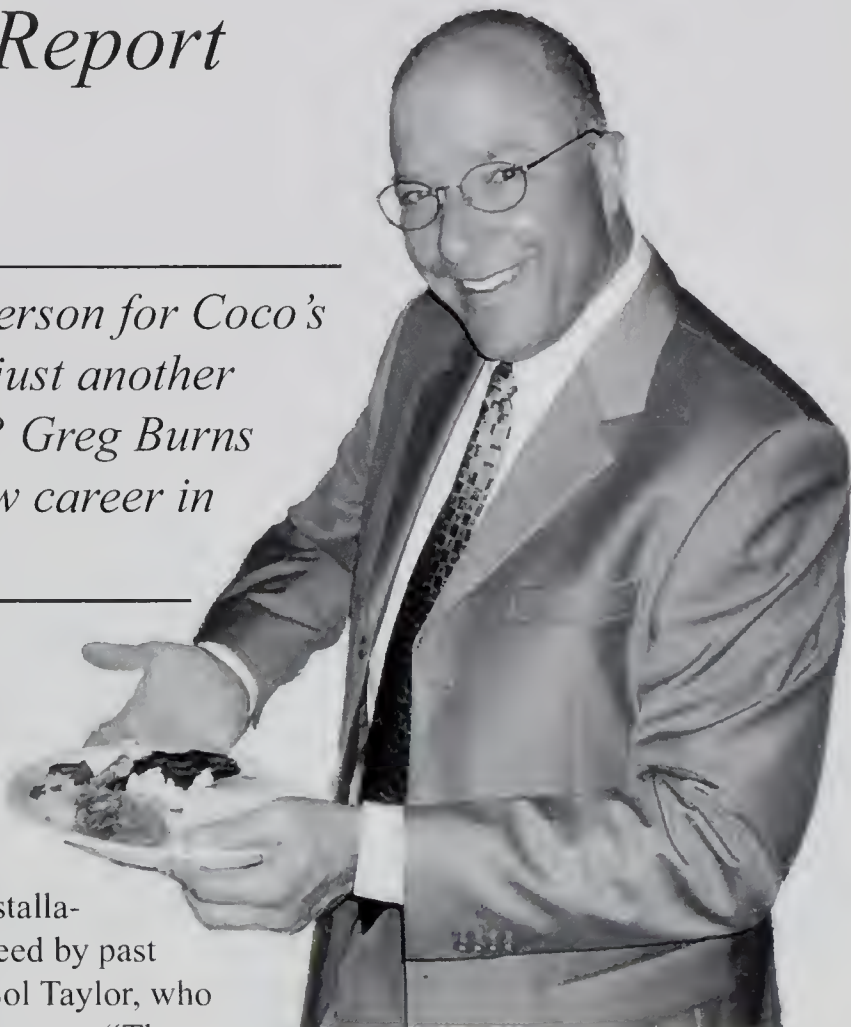


NASC Awards and Installation Banquet Report

New spokesperson for Coco's Restaurants or just another famished diner? Greg Burns searches for new career in food industry!

Back again at the Coco's restaurant in Arcadia after several years roaming in the wilderness, the NASC Awards and Installation banquet was emceed by past NASC President Dr. Sol Taylor, who passed along the wise motto, "The best investment in coins is the next generation of collectors."

Dr. Taylor steered the assembly through a delicious ceremony includ-



ing an Invocation by Nona Moore, presentation of 25-year and 50-year membership pins, presentation of the annual NASC awards, and thanking the outgoing officers and installing the incoming.

The menu, never a disappointment at Coco's, included all-you-can-eat selections from the salad bar, prime rib, salmon, honey dijon chicken, vegetables, breads, beverages of choice, and a selection of desserts. When are we going to start including gym memberships along with these banquets?



Danny the Magician entertained the attendees with mysterious slights-of-hand and prestidigions feats of close-up magic.

Incoming NASC President Gary Beedon (left) presents Master of Ceremonies Dr. Sol Taylor with a token of appreciation.



Those receiving 25-year awards were Larry R. Bovo, William J. Fragner, Melvin L. Cochran, William C. Barlow, Mike Follett, John W. Highfill, John R. Saunder, Kerry Wetterstrom, Donald W. Whaley, Bruce Kutcher, Walter Ostromecki, Jr., Lynda B. Richard, and David L. Lisot.

Greater Orange County Coin Club member Mike Ontko was present to receive that club's 50-year award, and Henry Clifford was also recognized with a 50-year pin.

The Richard P. Goodson Award was presented to long-time member James J. Waldorf. Jim's contributions to the NASC include several elected positions: corresponding secretary, director, and president. Jim also served as the general chair of the 1975 NASC convention and for many years hosted various association meetings in his home. Finally, Jim has acted as the NASC legal advisor for more than 20 years. We've gotten good mileage from this gentleman's contributions, and the Goodson award is a fitting

recognition. Congratulations, Jim.

The NASC annually awards a Speaker's Award, and this year's recipient is Randy Briggs. Randy has an eclectic selection of topics he's entertained us with: Emperor Norton I, the gun money of James II, currency, and other topics. If you're interested in having Randy speak to your group, or indeed, any of the NASC listed speakers, you can find contact information at www.NASC.net/speakers_list.htm.

The association also recognizes the important role of the member clubs' publications. In light of this, the



Jim Wells peruses one of the association's ancient scrolls which was brought by NASC Historian Nona Moore.

presentation of the NASC President's Trophy for outstanding club publication was awarded to Jim Wells, editor of the San Diego Numismatic Society's *Bulletin*. Second place went to Helen Desens of Covina Coin Club, and third was awarded to Mark Watson of the Glendale Coin Club. Bob Thompson of Verdugo Hills Coin Club received an honorable mention. Congratulations to all of those recognized for their hard work and creative efforts.

The banquet wrapped up with a presentations by Gary Beedon to Master of Ceremonies Dr. Sol Taylor, and also to outgoing President Don Foster. Don gave a farewell message and ceremoniously handed over a gavel to Gary signifying the transfer of office. Concluding with the giving away of door prizes, everyone agreed that we had enjoyed another successful banquet coordinated by Joyce Kuntz and Gary Beedon.



Standing in the background, outgoing President Don Foster thanks the officers and board that served with him through the 2004-2006 term: (from left) Phil Iversen, Joyce Kuntz, Tony Micciche, Roy Iwata, Kay Lenker, Albertus Hoogeveen, Harold Katzman, and Gary Beedon.



Greater Orange County Coin Club member Mike Ontko (left) was present to receive that club's 50-year membership award from NASC Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman.



Above: Joyce Kuntz (on left) hands the second place club publication award to Covina Coin Club's Editor Helen Desens.

Left: Jim Wells accepts the President's Trophy for Outstanding Club Publication for 2005.



Above: incoming officers and board members for the 2006-2008 term: (from left) Albertus Hoogeveen, Virginia Bourke, Don Foster, Nona Moore, George Moore III, Harold Katzman, Kay Lenker, Gary Beedon, Greg Burns, Tony Micciche, and Roy Iwata. The full listing based on the results of the election is as follows:

Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Gary Beedon</i>
<i>Vice President.....</i>	<i>Tony Micciche</i>
<i>Corresponding Secretary.....</i>	<i>Harold Katzman</i>
<i>Recording Secretary.....</i>	<i>Albertus Hoogeveen</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Kay Lenker</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Nona Moore</i>

Board Members

<i>Kenneth Arnold</i>	<i>Virginia Bourke</i>	<i>Greg Burns</i>
<i>Roy Iwata</i>	<i>George Moore III</i>	<i>Mary Yahalom</i>
	<i>Don Foster (Past President)</i>	

ANA Report

by Mike Stanley

ANA Representative for the CSNA



Las Vegas Update

Other than a few issues regarding the timing of the Las Vegas show conflicting with other shows, the feedback was positive. It was agreed there are a few issues to be improved on for a 2006 show. The Board approved moving forward with the planning for the 2006 show. Governor Kagin will be providing the board members with a list he feels need to be addressed, based on his opinion as a dealer at the show. The next show is scheduled for October 28-29, 2006. It was suggested that any press releases done regarding this show would have a clear definition that it is a "collectibles" show.

ANA Road show

ANA Executive Director Chris Cipoletti will go on the road to discuss the Association's mission, goals and objectives. "We're putting together a plan to communicate on a grassroots level with our membership," Cipoletti said. "We want our members to hear about the ANA's vision, and to understand the important role education plays in the future of the hobby and the association."

A complete schedule will be made available in the numismatic press and will include presentations at the Money Show of the Southwest in Houston, Summer Seminar in Colo-

rado Springs, ANA National Money Show in Atlanta, and the World's Fair of Money in Denver.

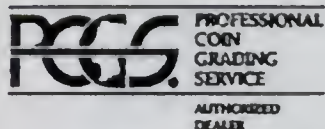
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Avoid long lines and register for this show on line at www.money.org. There will be hundreds of dealers, spectacular educational programs, ANA member clubs and meetings, Numismatic Theater presentations, and world-class auctions conducted by Heritage Galleries.

Special activities during the show will include a Casino Night on Friday, April 7, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Waverly Hotel Ballroom. An exciting evening of gaming and play awaits you, featuring commemorative scrip, special casino chips and tokens. The evening ends in a special auction for holders of chips and scrip. Cash in your evening's winnings for valuable and fun prizes. Registration required.

On Saturday, April 8, 9a.m.-1:30 p.m. tour the new Georgia Aquarium, which opened last November. Transportation and box lunch provided. Registration required.

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Going's On

by Greg Burns



The CSNA open board meeting was held during the convention in San Jose. The next will be during the Golden State Coin Show (GSCS) in August.

After a quorum check confirmed we were ready to conduct business, we dove right in with the treasurer's report. Roy Iwata passed around copies of his tallies showing the association is plump at \$82,212.33, compared to a year ago at \$76,805.63, a gain of \$5,406.70. Of course, this was due to a generous donation of \$10,000 during the year. Absent that we would have had a net loss of \$4,593.30. Phil Iversen gave Roy a check for \$250 wrapping up the sale of excess CSNA show cases.

Corresponding Secretary Dennis Halladay reported that dues notes were soon to be mailed (you should have received yours and returned it by now.)

Joyce Kuntz remarked that we lost three standing orders for CSNA medals, and that we only had 42 ounces of silver left on-hand. She was authorized to buy 200 ounces more (we use about 100 ounces per medal run.)

118th Convention Chair Joel Anderson was unable to attend because of illness, but Lila led a unanimous vote to donate \$150 to San Jose Coin Club for their generosity in hosting the convention and making many arrangements. And for the GSCS coming up, Lee Kuntz stated we would again be at the Masonic Center in Arcadia, and that we were seeking medal designs.

Jim Hunt gave a summary of the upcoming educational symposium (it will be over by the time you read this) and relayed that the NASC would again be offering YN's a free lunch (and I keep hearing that there is no such thing—just goes to show you...)

Michael Turrini gave a brief report on the fall educational symposium up north. We'll be listening to James Kern on some shaky-quake matters, Richard Kelly and Nancy Oliver on the Granite Lady, Michael Turrini on the Golden Gate International Exposition, and Dr. Michael Wehner on a numismatic tour of San Francisco. Michael's flyer carried a date of October 28 for this event to be held in Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum (same as last year), so mark your calendars now to reserve this date. We'll cover it in greater detail in the next issues.

Mike Stanley spoke briefly about the outreach program of ANA's Cipolletti at regional shows throughout the US., and that the ANA show in Las Vegas was next planned as a collectibles show for October 28/29, in spite of some date conflicts with other shows. You can read more info passed along by Mike in his normal report elsewhere in this issue.

In my usual brief style I referred those attending to my last issue (copies made available at the meeting), relayed that I had sent off the literary awards as agreed upon, notified all that the next awards presentation



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would be at the GSCS, and quickly sat down <phew>.

Membership Chair Phil Iversen said that he sends new ANA members residing in California information about the CSNA, but he was having trouble getting names and addresses from the southern half of the state.

Jim Hunt reported that the association is seeking two to four YN's as candidates for scholarships to the ANA summer programs, but so far hasn't received any applications. Come on, folks! You must know some YN's that would enjoy this; get an application letter in to Jim Hunt (address on page 68).

Librarian Ruth Phillips reported that the CSNA was used as a research source for an article on the 1894-S dime, for which the association received credit (good for us.) Requests for books are slowing, but the book sale undertaken within the last year or so has netted around \$2,700 with request coming from around the globe. She hopes to finish listing the catalogs in the library sometime within the next year.

Stephen Huston, our Webmaster, wasn't present for a report, but you can always view his latest efforts on-line at our terrific Web site located

at www.calcoin.org. If you haven't visited the site in a while, please do so and pass along any comments.

The group passed a vote on having a G. Lee Kuntz Best in Show Award, every two years at the GSCS starting in 2007, alternating with the NASC best in show award. We also agreed to restrike our supply of 25-year membership medals (now running low), and to start considering what to do for a 50-year membership medal (the need is fast approaching.)

NASC held their board meeting on January 29, and again (unfortunately) I missed it due to some family matters. Gotta plan better... However, I'll again summarize Recording Secretary Albertus Hoogeveen's excellent notes.

Corresponding Secretary Harold Katzman reported on the status of the membership. You can read his latest numbers in his report in this issue on page 8. A motion was made and passed to retroactively award silver medals to all 50-year members.

Kay Lenker gave her treasurer's report, showing that NASC's coffers moved up slightly in the last period, and her formal report is on file with Albertus Hoogeveen.

Historian Nona Moore has received two boxes of material and

planned to bring one of the earliest scrapbooks of the association's to the then-pending awards and installation banquet.

Joyce Kuntz reported that the planning for the awards was progressing well (report elsewhere in this issue), but that member club representatives did not respond very well to the requests for award nominations she had mailed out—she only received one reply. On the banquet side, Gary Beedon stated that all the arrangements were in place and satisfactory.

As CSNA representative, Lee Kuntz gave a report on the then-past CSNA convention, and that we would need a new general chairman for the coming year. If you're interested, raise your hand!

As chair of the election activity, Tom Fitzgerald appears to have hosted a rather lengthy dialog about the elections. I guess there was some stimulated discussion regarding the vote counting procedures, etc., but the final analysis seems to be that all was in order and every necessary protocol followed by Tom and his group. Tempest in a teapot if you ask me.

Roy Iwata, previous chair of the gold drawing activity, reported that there was a favorable \$50 error in the last report on financial results, and that we actually ended up with a \$123.39 profit after all the expenses were totaled. Because he's done it for so long, Roy is stepping down as chair of this activity, so NASC has an open spot to fill. Maybe you're interested?

Tom Fitzgerald, our grievances chair, happily (or at least I so imagine) reported that there were no grievances to report upon.

Kay Lenker stated that the GSCS

budget report was in from Tony Micciche, and that she had turned over the contract for the venue to Lee Kuntz. Phil Iversen said that there was a rumored possibility of the city claiming eminent domain on the Masonic Hall's property, but a reply came from Fred Fulton that this was unlikely due to three former mayors being members of the Masonic Lodge.

Medals (Harold Katzman) and policy and procedure (Nona Moore) each had a "no activity to report" report. Same with sargent at arms (Mark Watson—absent), and signs (Don Foster.)

As speakers bureau chair, Bill Grant said that while there were no changes at this time, he would like to update the listing in fall. If anyone would like to be added removed from the listing, or have their entry updated, please contact Bill.

Wrapping up the meeting, Nona Moore reported talking to Harold Katzman about NASC again doing workshops as had been done in the past. Harold's up for it; there would be fees and a committee would be required to investigate further and report on the issues.

The next NASC meeting will be on April 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Arcadia Masonic Center, 50 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia. See you there...



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Cooperating with *Stamps for Soldiers*, all coin and stamp expos held by Israel Bick have an area set up where people can donate used stamps, on or off paper, for use by soldiers in Veterans Hospitals. The stamps provide a form of manual therapy for hands and fingers, while also providing a creative release by using the stamps to decorate objects and make lovely collages.

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TCN Has a New Post Office Box

You may remember we've already published this, but it seems some folks haven't updated their files yet. We've been notified that some have still been using the old Glendora address. If your files are still out of date, please be sure to correct them to the following mailing address:

P.O. Box 1181
Claremont, CA 91711

Thanks, Editor Greg

NASC Gold Drawing Chair

The NASC gold drawing is very important to our member clubs: it helps them! By late April, if we do not have a person to *take the ball and run* as they say, we will have to seriously consider omitting the Gold Drawing for 2006.

Roy Iwata has given up the position after several years of great service and dedication to that position. I can't blame him at all, as one does experience "burn out" after several years in any position, especially one of a volunteer. A change is usually the cure in most cases.

Can you help?

Gary Beedon



We Get Letters...

Please note that we have a new mailing address: PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711.

Grateful Authors

Hi Greg,

Was pleasantly surprised and extremely flattered to receive the magnificently framed and mounted certificate that arrived in the mail over the weekend.

Have always enjoyed writing and telling stories and it is a tremendous point of satisfaction that others might find those labors interesting to read.

For the first time in well over 20 years I missed attending the annual symposium in Fullerton and compounded it by also missing out on the Golden State Coin Show. Had planned to bring my Goetz and copies of the Lusitania medals for your examination. It appears now that the next time we will both be in the same place at the same time is the 2006 March Fullerton event.

Will look forward with that in mind,

Warmest personal regards,

—Don Whaley

Greg,

Thank you for the two awards, which arrived safely, are hanging in my den, and are much appreciated.

Speaking of writing, I have pleasure in enclosing the “library version” text of the talk which I gave at [Society of Paper Money Collectors—SPMC] in San Francisco....



on, *What's Out There: Challenges and Possibilities in World Paper and Related Collecting*.

As you leaf through it, you'll sense the thought that went into it. You may spot some part you'd like for the *California Numismatist*, but basically I thought you might like to read it, perhaps mention it, and pass it on to the CSNA librarian.

I've several ideas for the journal which I'll try to follow up on in weeks to come.

Again, many thanks—and congratulations on the fine recent issues.

—Don Allen

Don, I'll be sure to pass the transcript of your SF SPMC presentation on to the CSNA librarian. Interested readers can request it from Ruth Phillips. And I always welcome your articles.

—Greg

Greg:

...[M]any thanks for an excellent layout on my article!

Even bigger thanks for the plug you gave for *VAMview*. Our second issue is done and is being reviewed

for typos now. It's 42 pages and I'm running the photos in color. Might as well, it's only a PDF file and e-mail so I can do what the heck I want, right?

All the best;

—Dennis Halladay

Santa Barbara Coin Club

Mr Burns,

I have some historical albums from the sixties of the Santa Barbara Coin Club and would like to see if [anyone] wanted them and who to mail to. Can you help?

—Bill Reeves

Hi Bill,

I see that SBCC has a mailing address at P.O. Box 6205, Santa Barbara, CA 93160. You might try dropping them a line. In the meantime, I'll copy this...to the...California Numismatist and we'll see if anyone bites...

Regards and good luck,

—Greg

Sharp-Eyed Reader

Dear Greg,

In the Editor's Page of the Winter 2005 issue, the statement is made that Sol Taylor "...chaired the 1975 ANA show in Los Angeles." This statement is not correct. The general chairman of that show was Edwin C. "Ed" Borgolte, and the assistant chairman was Murray Singer.

—Val Mogensen

Well, Val, you're absolutely correct. I just consulted the excellent, Fifty Years of the Numismatic Association of Southern California, published in 2004, and on page 31 of that reference confirmed your information. I actually made the mistake

in two places in the last issue: as you pointed out on the Editor's Page, and then again on page 52 in the We Get Letters section. I think the confusion came during some correspondence with Sol Taylor, who actually was the NASC convention chair for the following year, 1976.

The mention came up because of a recent suggestion by Sol that the ANA hold another convention in Los Angeles. I see in the January issue of Numismatist that they plan on doing just that. There was a motion by ANA Vice-President Barry Stuppler (seconded by Governor Remy Bourne), that the 2009 World's Fair of Money be held in LA. It passed the vote, 6 yeses and 2 noes (Fey, Fitts).

—Greg

What Article?

Dear Mr. Burns,

Hurrah your article in *Coin World*: expressed my feelings exactly. I even wrote *Coin World* to start ads for AG-G-F coins. They never even bothered to answer me! My grandson would be interested in collecting also, but he is a student in school, so where does he rake up \$\$ for AU-BU coins—he can't! I have some holes in my folders that I'd like to fill in someday with an ordinary coin.

Is that *California Numismatist* a magazine that is sold (subscribed to?) I'd dump *Coin World* and buy that one instead.

I'd appreciate hearing from you.

Thank you,

—H. Hack (Puyallup, WA)

Dear Mr. Hack,

I received your letter a couple of weeks ago (it went to a post office box

I no longer use and so took longer to get to me.) I don't know what article you read in Coin World, but I didn't write it. However, judging from your enthusiastic reception, I wish I had.

Yes, the high cost of collecting, which is often the focus of the various advertisements, is a burden for those starting out, particularly young people. I remember when I first started my family I sold much of my meager collection at the time because I simply couldn't afford to add to it any longer. Now that I'm older the difficulty has eased, but it's still amazing how high the prices are for so much of the material of interest.

The California Numismatist (TCN) is the publication of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC). Because it's a quarterly journal (four times a year) for the regional associations, it really doesn't serve the same purpose as Coin World. The later publication is great for week-by-week news items, a load of ads from dealers around the country, and generally keeping up with the main flow of the hobby. TCN is more appropriate for keeping up with local issues, coin shows within the state, politics and maneuverings of the two associations, and that type of relatively infrequent update that goes along with only publishing an issue every three months. Of course, it'd be wonderful to have you join one of the groups and thereby be a "subscriber" (a subscription is included with membership) and it's a lot cheaper than Coin World. Maybe there's room in your mailbox for both...

Sincerely,

—Greg

We're a Research Source!

Dear Mr. Burns,

I am a Research Fellow at Bournemouth University investigating an 18th century Swedish shipwreck which contains Swedish Plate Money. An article appeared in your journal by Virginia M. Hall in Spring 2002 which I saw on coinmall website. Could you possibly e-mail me a copy of the article or failing that a complete reference i.e. full title, date, volume and issue number and page numbers in the journal.

I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

—E. Rundle

The article, "Swedish Plate Money", comes from pages 20 and 21 of the spring, 2002 (v.45, n.2) issue of "Calcoin News" as the journal of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) was then called. Today it is published in conjunction with the Southern California Numismatic Association (NASC) and the joint publication is titled, "The California Numismatist." Good luck with your research. If you'd care to submit a summary of your project for publication in the journal I'd love to run it...

Regards,

—Greg

[I attached a PDF of the article to my e-mail for Ms. Rundle to use.]

Coin Questions

Sir,

I discovered recently in my father's souvenirs one 1969 US half dollar showing president Kennedy, one 1962 and one 1963 half dollar showing the Confederation bell, and many more coins. Each piece is of fine

quality.

Could you please suggest to me a fair selling price for each coin?

Thank you for your help.

—**Claude Vaillancourt**

Hello Claude,

Generally, the descriptions you provide are inadequate to give an accurate valuation, but the 1969 half dollar is worth a bit more (maybe 75 cents to a dollar) because it's 40% silver. I don't know of any 1962 or 1963 half dollar with a confederation bell, and because of the lack of description can't comment on the "many more coins". The best bet is to take these to a local coin dealer and let them look them over. Other options are on this page: http://www.glencoin.com/frequently_asked_questions.htm#where.

Good luck,

—Greg

I am writing here to ask you: is there a double die on [the] 1943-S [cent] and the 4 is weak? Look, there [with a microscope]; see the double on the S but you can see the weak[ness] in the 4.

Thank you,

—**Dawn**

Sorry, I don't collect these and don't know the answer to your question. Good luck in your search...

—Greg

Can you help me and recommend books & software for coins value & appraisal.

Do I need a license to appraise coins? If I do can you tell me were I can apply for it?

Thank you,

—**Tamir**

For books the "Red Book" (as the Standard Guide to United States Coins is known) is probably the first you would want to acquire. Also, for world coins any of the Standard Catalog of World Coins issues covering the centuries you're interested in would be helpful. Finally, a local club (you can find one on www.money.org) and a subscription to one of the national magazines or newspapers (Coin World, Coins, Numismatist, etc.) would round it out.

I have no idea of what the qualifications for an appraiser would be, but good luck...

—Greg



I did tell you we had a new mailing address, didn't I? Please be sure to send any material for *The California Numismatist*, including letters to the editor, to:

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Youth Corner

by Stan Turrini

CSNA Youth Numismatist
Coordinator

Hello, dear readers.

One of my perennial themes in these quarterly columns is to educate and to enlighten about today's youth, because most of those reading—and this is not being rude or crude—are at an age remote from daily interaction with young people—or have preconceived notions based on the reality of decades ago. Again, as the CSNA's YN coordinator, I am not attempting to be critical of those who actively involve themselves with and among "the hobby of tomorrow"; rather, my effort in these *Youth Corners* is to help readers understand today's young people, a benefit derived from my daily demands and duties teaching high school.

Quite recently and completely un-



related to our hobby, a young man, just at the start of his career in yearbook publishing, provided some interesting, and in some way provocative, insights as to understanding young people, specifically teenagers, which, jokingly, have been identified "as a parent's punishment for enjoying sex."

Jeff Smith (Jostens's yearbook specialist) and I had met and were discussing my high school's poor record in yearbook sales to date. Just a few years ago, it was no problem for *Cat Tracks*, our yearbook, to sell several hundred copies, prepaid and early in the school year. We had a set sales campaign, a good theme (the Super Sale), and a popular product: the yearbook. Yet, this is no longer so; prepaid and early reservation sales have declined and decreased significantly, to the point of concern and financial ramifications.

At my high school—Will C. Wood High School, Vacaville, California—we continued to do all that worked in the past, only for less and less results in the present.

Jeff, taking his marketing expertise and experience back in the Empire

State (New York) noted that our predicament is not unusual, but typical: selling the yearbook, once a most desirable and demanded high school item, has become harder and harder. The reasons are the ever increasing price, the ever-increasing demographic changes in American high schools, and the ever-increasing number of different, divorced, and otherwise dysfunctional home environments. All of which have not much to do with "our world of money", on the surface. But, there was one factor that is transferable to numismatics.

Jeff noted that marketing studies and research confirm that today's young people want "instant satisfaction" and that they have grown-up in a whole environment of "click and send", "hit and done"; whether with cell-phones, video games, e-mail, or the Internet, it is all *now*. So why reserve something that is not delivered until the end of the school year, namely the yearbook.

Numismatics is far from "now", and ask anyone who has assembled an outstanding collection or filled an album of choice coins: it took time; time in years or even decades. This need for patience, or endurance, is counter to the modern speed that young people have become accustomed to and expect, for it is the essence of their daily lives, and thus, they conclude that numismatics is too slow and sedate.

The confirmation of that would be the huge number of Whitman folders and albums left still to be finished in countless bureau drawers, under the Jockeys, or on top shelves, under the Holiday Cards from 1990, or wherever dust and indifference is collected.

Of course, there is no way to



speed-up numismatics. Those of us who have any real longevity in the hobby often speak of *the hunt*, or *years looked*, or *missed opportunities*. We know this, but young people only know "click and send" and "24/7". There is a difference between these two mental and social concepts.

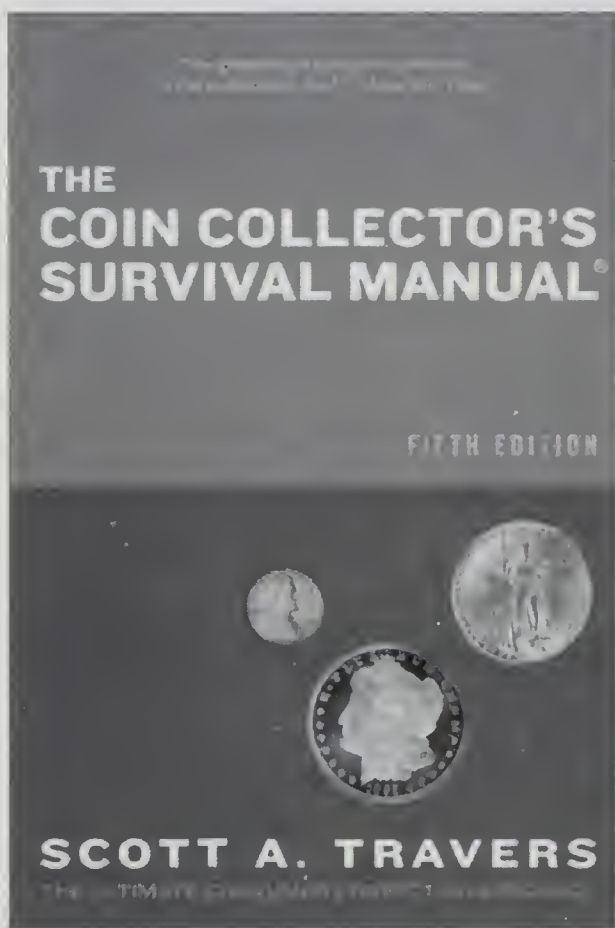
My rambling here may not be clear, and of course, there are many young people, from elementary through high school, enjoying our hobby, and for whatever reason. Yet, when you couple the premise suggested here with the ever increasing costs of numismatics, plus the numerous conflicts from sports to iPods to part-time jobs to puberty, numismatics, like my high school's yearbook, becomes a much harder sell.

Repeatedly we lament the lack of young people or that they lose interest when they grow-up, the latter should be anticipated, since it is old as creation. What needs to be discovered are the means and methods to make numismatics exciting and immediate. That is the difficult question. Any ideas?

Comments are welcomed. Contact via emperori@juno.com or telephone 707-246-6327.

The Book Report

by Mark Watson



*Grading, Doctoring
and Crack Outs Explored
in The Coin Collectors'
Survival Manual, Fifth
Edition*

Book Reviewed: *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual, 5th Ed.*
by Scott A. Travers

(New York) – Consumer advocate and former American Numismatic Association Vice President, Scott A. Travers, reveals trade secrets on how to make money and avoid mistakes in the rare coin marketplace in his new book, *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual, Fifth Edition* (Random House, New York 2006).

The straight-forward book can-

didly examines grading controversies and the recent popularity of registry sets, playing the “crack out” game with third-party encapsulated coins, and the dangers of online auctions and coin doctoring.

“This is the most important book I have ever written. It will help thousands of people make or save money,” said Travers, president of Scott Trav-

ers Rare Coin Galleries, LLC, of New York City (www.PocketChangeLottery.com).

There are 1,200 consumer protection caveats offering readers time-tested advice on how to buy and sell coins profitably, whether it's a valuable item found in pocket change or multi-million dollar rarities at auctions. Detailed photographs of repaired coins and coins with genuine and artificial toning give readers unprecedented side-by-side comparisons.

Illustrated with more than 260 state-of-the-art digital color and black and white images of coins, this 400-page guide packs a powerful, one-two punch for consumers. It combines a thorough update of earlier editions of *The Coin Collector's Survival Manual* with another of Travers' seven acclaimed books, *How to Make Money in Coins Right Now*.

Both were bestsellers in their own right, and now both are available together in a single, updated and timely volume. Among the topics covered in the new book:

- Unexpected changes in grading standards since 2003.
- How the popular registry set programs have changed the numismatic market, and how to use set registries to your advantage.
- Extraordinary insights and secrets of crack-outs and getting lucrative upgrades from third-party grading services. Well-known dealer Jim Halperin tells how he made millions in profits by resubmitting coins.
- Detecting altered, counterfeit and "doctored" coins.
- Comprehensive discussions by leading experts about taxes and

tax consequences on buying and selling numismatic items, including record keeping, estate planning secrets, retirement plans and in-kind exchanges.

- Exposing the pitfalls and avoiding the dangers of ignorance when buying coins through online auctions.
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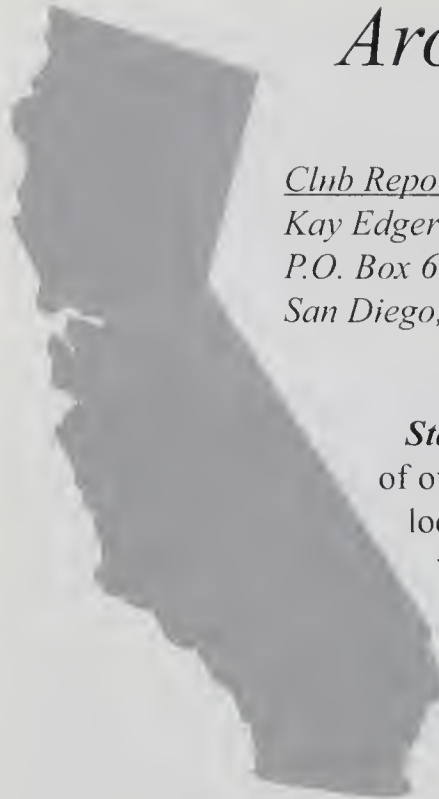
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Stan's Statement: Hello! Welcome to another saga of our coin community here in California! Again, local coin club editors and officers are encouraged to contact either myself or Catherine Edgerton Lenker—"Captain Kay"—in a timely matter about coin show dates, important events, and honors. We want to report and to recognize as much as time, space, and pages allow. You may contact me via my home e-mail at EMPERORI@juno.com. Incidentally, that is an 'Emperor' with

an "eye", the *capital* letter "I" (i), not a one (1)! Remember, have fun with your hobby!

Club Reports...

WHITTIER COIN CLUB now meets at the La Habra Civic Center at La Habra Blvd. and Euclid Ave. December meeting was a silent auction, Christmas cookie snacks and a canned food drive. In January **Jeff Stahl** gave a presentation on *National Bank Notes Issued Between 1863 and 1935*. We also had a short ceremony to install President **Ken Baumheckel**, Vice-President **Jesse Ayala**, **Phil Chang** as treasurer and **Bill Higgins** as secretary. In February we had a video titled *The New Color Of Money*. The tapes were produced by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving and donated to the club by **Ballab Garg**.

VISALIA COIN CLUB writes that it reelected its 2006 officers: **Dave Shankel**, president; **Bill Terry**, vice-president; **Sandra Arie**, secretary; and **Dixie Tuck**, treasurer. Former secretary, **Cameron Kiefer**, contacted the club and reported about his new position with IGC in Denver, Colorado, stating that he was "extremely happy at his new location."

VERDUGO HILLS COIN CLUB has announced that their 41st show will be held on Sunday, April 9. We held our 500th meeting in December with a holiday party, Bingo, and holiday cake. For the games we had 2005 silver eagles for each of ten games @ 25 cents a card. Cover All won a 5 pesos gold coin—these cards were \$2 each or \$5 for three cards. **Greg Burns** spoke on the *Lusitania Medal and its Varieties* in November. Installation was also held in December

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with President **Richard Murachanian**, 1st VP **Walter Ostromecki**, 2nd VP **Jeff Klemzak**, Treasurer **Earl Fritcher** with assistant **Mike Baldwin**, Secretary **Doris Fuller**, and Editor **Bob Thompson**. At the January meeting Walter Ostromecki spoke on *Nixon's Numismatic Legacy*. He selected this topic as our meeting fell on Nixon's birthday. In February charter member #70, Charles Beatty, will speak on *How I Started Coin Collecting*. He started when he was on a paper route back in 1952 when he was 10 years old.

VALLEJO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY reports that it is transitioning to a new meeting location. As this issue is being prepared nothing fixed has been decided. Visitors are welcomed to telephone, in advance, 707-642-0216 or e-mail to EMPERORI@juno.com. Second, the VNS honored **William A. Bright**, Publisher of *Numismatic News*, and **Paul R. Johnson**, respected Canadian numismatic advocate, with honorary memberships this past fall, respectively #10 and #9. Third, the VNS is quite proud to report one of its most devoted members, **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**, was honored with an American Numismatic Association (ANA) President's Award last December 10, and President **Harry W. Davis** and Secretary **Irene Carrillo** were recognized with framed Regional Coordinator's Citations on the same date. Fourth, VNS reminds readers that its Sunday, May 7, Vallejo Coin Show has three fellow collector groups scheduled to meet: Western Wooden Money Club, Solano Silver Round Club, and the So-Called Dollar Collectors Club. Information on this show may be telephoned to 510-547-0518.

STANISLAUS COUNTY COIN CLUB reports it continues well and progresses with activities for young and old. The club continues to meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays, 7:00 PM, in Denny's Diner, at 1525 McHenry, off Orangeburg, in downtown Modesto. The club's 2006 officers are: **Michael Tandy**, president; **Mark Garcia**, vice-president; **Joan Alvarez**, recording secretary; **Dolly Sauls**, corresponding secretary; and **Lloyd Solomon**, treasurer. The monthly *Gold Strike* now is taking advertising, and ad contacts may be to Dolly Sauls at PO Box 1672, Modesto, California, 95353-1672. The *Gold Strike* has now a monthly "Junior Challenge": a question from current state quarters that the first junior member to answer at the upcoming meeting wins a prize.

SOLANO SILVER ROUND CLUB Secretary and Editor **Robert F. Tedder** reported that the club's intended 2006 medal for the USS Missouri was lost: "due to technical problems: it is still in my computer somewhere!" The club ended 2005 with its Annual Christmas Dinner at the famous family eatery, Pietro's #1, in downtown Vacaville, with "plenty of laughter, jokes, and the usual banter between the regular attendees."

SANTA ANA COIN CLUB The topic for February was *Love Tokens* with speaker **Evalene Pulati**. In December we watched the second half of the video on *Type Set Of Ancient Coins*.

SAN JOSE COIN CLUB heard **Edward Sins** review his monumental and extensively researched history, *San Jose Coin Club: The First Fifty Years, A Personal Perspective*, at its January 11 meeting, an effort that he had devoted years to work and to writing. His program fitted the SJCC's January meeting 'to-a-tee' for it was the club's 700th meeting. **Gary Acquistapace** issued a commemorative wooden dollar for the historic meeting. Mr. Sins is a life member of the SJCC and holds membership #136 and has attended meetings regularly since November 1960. Copies of his history are available at \$10.00 each postpaid. Write to: PO Box 5075, San Jose, California, 95150-5075, and if requested, the book may be autographed and personalized. Exhibit winners of the SJCC 2006 January coin show were: Best of Show, **Al Lo**; first place youth, **Ryan Johnson**; first place, **Ron Ishizaki**; second place (tie), **Gordon R. Donnell**; second place (tie), **Roy Iwata**; and third Place, **Jeff Shelvin**. The exhibits were chaired by **Fred Davis**, with judging by **Martha Davis**, **Jim Stanford**, and **Bill Meadows**.

SAN FRANCISCO COIN CLUB also elected its 2006 officers, and they are: **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**, president; **Gordon R. Donnell**, vice-president; **Mark Wm. Clark**, secretary; and **Michael S. Turrini**, treasurer. The club's second annual Hans Hansson Donation Drawing, held last November, claimed \$76.00 for the club's treasury. The January meeting had President **Dr. Michael F. Wehner** presenting a program titled *A Non-Walking Numismatic Version Tour Through San Francisco*. Later at the February meeting, Treasurer Michael S. Turrini returned with his *Counting Us I: Update*, an audience participation program.

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY members heard **Ginny Bourke** speak on *Conder Tokens* in November. Following Chef **Rex Salmon's** linguini and meatballs dinner we had our donation auction in December. New officers installed at the January dinner meeting were **Terry Cruggs** for a 2-year term to replace **Dave Jones** who is now vice president. **Dorothy Baber** and **Ellen Hunt** are new 3-year board members. Installation was held at Coco's Restaurant with **Jim Hill** speaking on *Slabbing And Cleaning*. There was so much to cover that he continued the topic at the February meeting. **Jim Wells** has taken over the task of bulletin editor and was on hand at the recent NASC luncheon to accept the President's Trophy for the 2005 Outstanding Club Publication.

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SACRAMENTO VALLEY COIN CLUB elected its 2006 officers, and they are: **Jim Hagarty**, president; **Mike Niecoff**, vice-president; **Vi Asher**, recording secretary; **Bill McCaslin**, corresponding secretary; and **Joe Bardon**, treasurer. These officers were installed January 11 at the Dante Club in Sacramento. **Jeff Shelvin**, ANA district delegate, lead the oath of office before forty-one members and guests, and a meal described by one, whom had “never seen such large chicken breasts in my life. I could not eat all of my serving. It was a very scrumptious meal”. New President **Jim Hagarty** reminded that 2007 is the club’s Golden Anniversary and that the club is considering a commemorative medal or medal set and that the club would return to two coin show annually.

REDWOOD EMPIRE COIN CLUB Well what do you do when it floods? You relocate! That is what our friends at the RECC for their January meeting, on just a day’s notice, too, had to do! And, regardless of the weather and temporary relocation, there were seventeen Show ‘n Tell participants. Speaking of one, “**Jack Free** collects, among many things, tokens with the name of ‘Jack’ on these. These would be from ‘Jack’s Bar’ or ‘Jack’s Club’ and such. He has one hundred seventy-six ‘Jacks.’” RECC President **Merle Avila** displayed a large collection of California military base tokens: “a few of the tokens had not been shown to the public in decades, having been stored in vaults for a long time before Merle obtained these”, adding to his outstanding California token collection. President Avila was proud to announce at this same meeting that the bourse of sixty-one tables had been sold out for the club’s March 25 and 26 38th Annual Coin Show.

PENINSULA COIN CLUB ended 2005 with its December meeting filled “with lots of sweets, cookies, and drinks for all to enjoy.” “This meeting also featured some very attractive prizes in the drawing, including a 1886-S five dollar gold Half Eagle! For the third December meeting this ‘Gold Drawing’, also known as the ‘Xan Chamberlain Benefit Program’ was, again, won by a very lucky, Xan!” What luck!

PACIFIC COAST NUMISMATIC SOCIETY ended 2005 with its Annual Joint Potluck Party last December 28 with its neighbors, the San Francisco Coin Club. The 2006 PCNS officers were installed, and they are: **Sarah Nordin**, president; **Dr. Michael F. Wehner**, vice-president; and **Herbert Miles**, secretary. PCNS began 2006 with Herbert Miles speaking on *Numismatic Antecedents of Low 54: Am I Not A Woman and A Sister* at its January meeting: "this 1838 Hard Times Token cataloged Low 54 remains among the most famous American anti-slavery tokens with many mythical stories surrounding it."

NORTHROP GRUMMAN COIN CLUB had their holiday party in December with *Show & Tell*. BBQ turkey was brought by **Larry** and members had a gift exchange of numismatic items worth about \$5. The program for January was *Silver Ryals from the Deep: SS John Barry*. Monthly raffles are provided by members whose names are drawn for a given month. This allows members to dispose of some of their coins. One coin worth \$10 or more and lesser coins for a total value of about \$50. Donation of 10 to 20% to club. In February **Mel Wacks** will speak on *Jewish-American Hall Of Fame Medals*.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION has not set a date for its Nor-Cal VII Coin Show, but announcement is anticipated shortly. The association has charged its president, currently **Harry W. Davis**, with a new award, The President's Medal, and several were presented in 2005. A roster of these honored recipients should be compiled and published later. *NCNA Heads And Tales*, the association's three-times-a-year newsletter, hits a milestone with its May issue: its silver jubilee (25 years) with the same editor, the founding editor, **Michael S. Turrini**.

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB November was *Bourse Night*. In December **Mike Ontko** spoke on *Gold Coins of Colonial Mexico as Illustrated by the Eliasberg Collection*. We had no meeting in January. February's topic was *National Bank Notes* with speaker **Jeff Stahl**.

LIVERMORE VALLEY COIN CLUB As reported in the prior issue of TCN, the LVCC honored retired and relocated members **Howard** and **Leatha Kosanke** last fall. Along with their special good-bye cake and other honors, the club, under President **Chuck White** presented a nicely framed and printed certificate to each, and they were honored by the ANA with a Regional Coordinator's Citation from **Michael S. Turrini**. The LVCC ended 2005 with its Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner last December, held at the home of **Steven** and **Sharon Kramer**. It was reported "Steve Kramer broke his 70 year drought at not winning at Bingo. It may not have been that long but sure seemed like it."

LIBERTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY writes that it is looking for a vice-president: "We have a great need to fill this vacancy. If you love numismatics and can spare a little time, please volunteer." Other 2006 LNS officers are: **Mark**

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Wm. Clark, president; **Robert Piper**, treasurer; **Gene C. Hoy**, secretary and editor; with **Jim Rosen**, medals coordinator. As noted earlier, Mark Wm. Clark was honored with an ANA President's Award last December in Fairfield, and as reported "we cannot think of a more deserving person to receive this prestigious award". Speaking of recognitions, in the January LNS' monthly newsletter, Editor Gene Hoy noted special appreciation to these members: **Edgar D Fulwider**, **Jim Rosen**, **Stu Denton**, **Mike Sulark**, and **Bob Piper**: "The next time you see one of these guys thank them for their volunteerism, their service to numismatics, and their ability to get the job done." Congratulations to all!

INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATIC SOCIETY OF SAN DIEGO Theme for November was *Tokens, Medals, Scrip, Phone Cards And Exonumia*. December's program was about Southeast Asia and Indonesia. January was the annual dinner meeting and this year was at Panda Park Buffet. Special guest and speaker was Gary Beedon who gave us *A Touch of Egypt* with lots of slides. February meeting will focus on England and the British Commonwealth. **Ginny Bourke** will enlighten us on Conder tokens and **Ken Aring** will bring pertinent slides.

HEMET NUMISMATISTS had a White Elephant Sale in October. The December meeting was at the Hometown Buffet with the installation of officers. President is **Freddie Grant**, VP is **Mary Morrow**, secretary is **Polly Bower**, and the treasurer is **Arline Brown**. Elected board members are **Angus Bruce**, **Ken Busby**, and **Bill Grant**. **George Arriaga** is again past-president. Gift cards were received by everyone, each with a \$2 bill. **Ron Morrow** is the new editor. At the January meeting Mary Morrow passed out a questionnaire for each person to fill out and give comments on how we can improve our club. She'll be assembling all the comments and passing them on to the board for their input. February topic was *Ancient Coins* by **Ben Rosenthal**. Ben focused on Roman coins. He described what to look for when you are buying a coin and how to grade an ancient coin.

HEARTLAND COIN CLUB held its Christmas dinner and donation auction in December. There were Christmas gifts for the first 60 paid-up members. January

had election of officers, and three visitors became new members. Installation will be on 15 February at Tyler's Taste of Texas. Incoming officers are: President **Carl Sandburg**, 1st VP **Lee Darnell**, 2nd VP **Michael Lindstrom**, Treasurer **Charles Klinert**, Recording Secretary **Ginny Bourke**, Corresponding Secretary **Joyce Darnell** and Junior VP **Cole Schenewerk**.

GREATER ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB November meeting heard **Mark Baskin**'s new talk on *Collecting Canadian Type Coins*. December was our annual pot luck and *Bingo* with numismatic prizes.

GATEWAY COIN CLUB Regretfully, your assistant editor has only one current issue of its monthly *Coinnections* on file, so there is not much to report. The GCC did hold its Holiday Banquet last December 8, at Mandarin Shogun Restaurant in Merced. It was reported that the club did cancel its annual coin show for June and is exploring alternatives.

FRESNO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY heard **Ruth M. Phillips** at its January meeting speak on *The Thick and Thin*. Earlier at the club's December meeting, which doubled as its Annual Christmas Potluck Dinner, the 2006 FNS officers were elected: **James Obler**, president; **Dixie Tuck**, vice-president; **Jim Deffendall**, treasurer; and **Stephanie Deffendall**, secretary; the latter who replaced **Jim Shepherd**, "who stepped down after four years of undivided devotion." Due to a house relocation, Ruth M. Phillips doubled as the *Fresno Numismatist* editor for the December issue, while regular editor, **Randy Clifton**, who wrote "now that roller coaster ride is done, I can get back to concentrating on important stuff, like writing the *Fresno Numismatist*."

FREMONT COIN CLUB elected its 2006 officers, and they are: **Alistair Skinner**, president; **Dave Collins**, first vice-president; **Kris Martin**, second vice-president; **Britta Ehlers**, treasurer; and **Matt Hutchison**, corresponding secretary. These were installed at the club's January Annual Installation Banquet, held again at Spin-A-Yarn Restaurant in the Mission District of Fremont. Matt Hutchison will begin as the club's monthly *Double Eagle* editor, replacing Alistair Skinner. Earlier the club had a *Veterans Day Memorabilia Show 'n Tell* at its November meeting with nine participants. Note: This year marks the Fremont Coin Club's 35th anniversary (1971-2006).

FONTANA UNITED NUMISMATISTS In November we held a *White Elephant Auction* with only 11 present. In December we had a surprise dinner at Sizzler's in Fontana with 28 club members, friends and guests to surprise **Nona Moore**. It was a *Thank You, Nona* event. She was presented with a large music box from the club. January was *Bingo Night* with many prizes. In February **Albertus Hoogeveen** gave a program on *Lewis And Clark Bicentennial*. Albertus recently attended a special ceremony in Oregon that represented the final leg of Lewis and Clark's arrival at the Pacific Ocean.

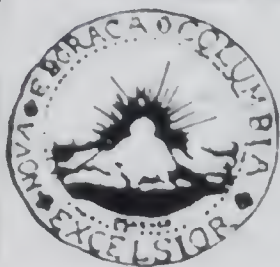
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FAIRFIELD COIN CLUB reelected its 2006 officers, and they are: **Russell Leach**, president; **Robert W. Belleau, Sr.**; vice-president; **Robert F. Tedder**, secretary and editor of its monthly *Fairfield Moneygram*; and **Dr. Rodney W. Baker**, treasurer. The FCC ended 2005 with its neighbor, the Vallejo Numismatic Society, and their Nineteenth Annual Joint Christmas Party at the Fairfield, California's Anheuser-Busch Brewery with attendance over sixty-five. Among the winners was Robert F. Tedder with \$68.00 in the 50/50 Drawing, and the Mega-Drawing took-in \$1350.00 with **Sandy McCurdy** claiming the top prize. The master of ceremonies was **William A. Bright**, publisher of *Numismatic News*, from Iola, Wisconsin. Two ANA coveted President's awards were presented by ANA Regional Coordinator **Michael S. Turrini** onto Robert W. Belleau, Sr. and **Mark Wm. Clark**. Congratulations to both!

DOWNEY NUMISMATISTS saw the slide program *Do's And Don'ts Of Coin Collecting* in October. In November there was a video on *Type Set Of Ancient Coins* with **Thomas A. Palmer** narrating. January was *Coin-O* with four regular games with Eisenhower dollar prizes and one black-out game with a two-peso Mexican gold piece as prize. Officers are President **Wilfred Gamble, V.P. Chuck Morrisset, Sr.**, and Secretary/Treasurer **Albertus Hoogeveen**.

DIABLO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY Wow! Over forty members and guests crowded the Basement Kitchen Room of the Concord Veterans Memorial Building last December 15, for the society's Annual Holiday Dinner. **Michael M. Stanley**, who doubles as a professional chef at a few of San Francisco's finer Nob Hill eateries, began at 8:00 that Thursday morning, preparing and cooking a full six course meal, from appetizers to dessert. In fact, he cooked so much that the final Bingo game was a fully cooked and ready ham won by **John Russell!** "Steamer" was well rewarded for his culinary skills: "he won five prizes in the drawing!" In addition to the large drawing and fine food, there were Bingo games for 25 Silver Eagles, too. Past presidents in attendance included **Karl P. Manthei, Michael S. Turrini**, and Michael M. Stanley. The next big event for the DNS is the Annual Dinner set for March 15, at Concord's Marie Callendars.

DELTA COIN CLUB Wow! The DCC in January celebrated it's golden anniversary at Best Western Stockton Inn before some 55 members and guests. **Michael S. Turrini**, your assistant editor, had the honor of serving as the master of ceremonies, and CSNA President **Lila Anderson** along with husband, **Joel Anderson**, attended and represented the CSNA. President **Harry W. Davis** of the Northern California Numismatic Association was present also and shared congratulations. The highlight of the festive evening was presence of **Norman F. Pruitt**, charter member #1 and founder of the club back in January, 1956. (Note: Mr. Pruitt was the California Coin Pioneer in the TCN issue of winter, 2004.) One special honor was presented: **Joseph Griep** was awarded an ANA Regional Coordinator's Citation from ANA Regional Coordinator Michael S. Turrini, and **Don Kendrick**, a well-known DCC devotee, was bestowed life membership. Seven past-presidents also attended. Congratulations to the Delta Coin Club on this special occasion!

CUPERTINO COIN CLUB has a new name: Cupertino Culinary Club. Why? The club's January meeting was with "taste testing of special tube steaks prepared by renowned chefs **Reuben** and **Mary Gallegos**". The special treats were in commemoration of the club's 430th meeting, and followed the December Christmas party that had members "taste-test seven varieties of Togo sandwiches and many other donated chili beans, egg rolls, salads, and desserts." Fifty-six members and guests attended, including five CCC past-presidents. It was reported "several individuals who were wishing that **Ron Iskizaki** shared his recipe for his delicious homemade warm fruit cobbler besieged him. The cobbler disappeared almost as soon as it was placed on the table!" Ron, if you provide the recipe, it will be published in the next TCN, earning you lasting fame!

CULVER CITY COIN CLUB December was *Coin-O* with the club providing prizes for the first four games. Final game, a blackout, had a wreath with coins donated by the members. It was won by one of our newest members, **John Ros-selot**, and contained Roosevelt dimes, a Liberty coin set, a 1982 Washington half and numerous other prizes. January was the installation dinner at a Szechwan restaurant in Culver City. President is **Garn Anderson**, VP is **Jack von Bloecker**, secretary/editor is **Steve Demmer** and treasurer is **George Gill**. **Wilfred** won the membership prize. The February issue of the newsletter had a nice story about the 1780 Maria Theresa Silver Thaler.

COVINA COIN CLUB In November we had members *Show and Tell*. December was the Christmas Party with desserts and Santa Claus. **Bill Nash** had a program *Spencer Clark and the ABNC* (American Bank Note Company). In February **Gary Beedon** gave his program *A Touch of Egypt*.

COINEERS COIN CLUB The program for November was a video tape: *Era of Hometown Bank Notes*. December we had our Christmas Party and *Other Hobbies*. January was the installation at Chinese Garden Restaurant with the board



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retained. President is **Lance Dohe**, V.P. **Edmund Lee**, Secretary **Wayne Joy**, and Treasurer **Andrew Woodruff**. **Joan Noga** was named commissioner.

CALIFORNIA EXONUMIST SOCIETY commonly called CES welcomes those who collect or enjoy medals, tokens, and the like. It issues a quarterly newsletter titled *The Medallion*, and meets twice a year at the CSNA semiannual conventions. Inquiries may be to PO Box 4104, Vallejo, California, 94590-0410.

BAY AREA COIN CLUB In December members shared their favorite numismatic books. *What's New in Numismatics* was the program in January and members were encouraged to bring something that they had not brought before to share with members. February was a *Salute To The Olympics*. The front page of the bulletin described the award medals for the Winter Olympics.

ANCIENT COIN CLUB of L.A. In December **Roger Burry** gave a program on *Roman Britain* using the new digital projector. January was the Installation-Cum-Banquet with the following installed: President **Bob Effler**, VP **Roger Burry**, Secretary **David Stepsay** and Treasurer **Barry Rightner**. All had been elected by acclamation. At the February meeting **Dr Marty Kenigsberg** spoke on *Learning About Jewish History From Judean Coins*.

ALAMEDA COIN CLUB Fifteen members and guests attended the club's Christmas Dinner making for "great food and good fellowship." The ACC has begun 2006 with a plea to its members and others for a permanent meeting place on Alameda. (Remember: Alameda is an island, and the proper preposition is *on*, not *in*!) The ACC has its 2006 Coin Show scheduled for Sunday, June 18, in the Main Gym of Alameda High School. Additional show details are listed elsewhere in this TCN Issue. Your assistant editor and **Gordon R. Donnell** are set to staff and to support a combination Youth and Information Table during that show, and we welcome visits by TCN readers and CSNAers and NASAers. Stop by.

Directory of Member Clubs

Please review your club's information. Changes may be sent by a club officer via mail to the editor at P.O. Box 2031, Glendora, CA 91740, or by e-mail to: gurns@adelphia.net. CSNA and NASC membership status is indicated in parentheses at the end of each club's listing.

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- Ancient Coin Club of Los Angeles**—meets 2nd Sunday, 1:30 p.m., Balboa Mission Town Hall shopping center (between barber shop & beauty supply), 16916 San Fernando Mission Blvd., Granada Hills; mailing address: c/o K. L. Friedman, 16255 Ventura Blvd., Encino, CA 91436; e-mail: Fausta@pacbell.net; Web site: <http://mjconnor.home.mindspring.com/accla/>. (NASC)
- Bay Cities Coin Club**—meets 1st Saturday, 1:00 p.m., Santa Monica Public Library, 17th Street and Montana Ave., Santa Monica; mailing address: P.O. Box 943, Santa Monica, CA 90406. (NASC, CSNA)
- Brentwood Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Raley's Food Center (staff room by the Pharmacy), 2400 Sand Creek Rd., Brentwood; mailing address: P.O. Box 1237, Brentwood, CA 94513; e-mail: Collectors@CoinClub.cc. (CSNA)
- California Exonumist Society**—meets quarterly at Golden State Coin Show, CSNA Conventions and at an all-day show in June or July; mailing address: Kay Edgerton Lenker, P.O. Box 6909, San Diego, CA 92166. (NASC, CSNA)
- California State Numismatic Association**—meets twice a year during CSNA conventions at various locations; mailing address: Dennis Halladay, 20567 Nathan Dr., Riverside, CA 92508; e-mail: westdairy2@aol.com; Web site: www.calcoin.org. (NASC, CSNA)
- Chula Vista Coin Club**—meets 1st Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Norman Park Senior Center, 270 F Street, Chula Vista; mailing address: 11842 Rocosco Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. (CSNA)
- Coiners Coin Club**—meets 3rd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., 4675 Tecolote Road, San Diego, CA; mailing address: 829 Portsmouth Court, San Diego, CA 92109. (CSNA)
- Covina Coin Club**—meets 3rd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., American Legion Post 888, 1436 N. Hollenback Ave.; mailing address: Helen Desens, 282 W. Bygrove St., Covina, CA 91722. (NASC, CSNA)
- Culver City Coin Club**—meets 2nd Thursday, 7:00 p.m., El Segundo Library, 111 W. Mariposa Ave., El Segundo (west of Sepulveda; south of LAX); mailing address: Steve Demmer, P.O. Box 813, Culver City, CA 90232. (NASC)
- Cupertino Coin Club**—meets 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m., West Valley Presbyterian Church, 6191 Bollinger Avenue, Cupertino, CA; mailing address: P.O. Box 448, Cupertino, CA 95015-0448; Web site: www.cupertinoclub.homestead.com. (CSNA)
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| May 7 | 34th Annual Vallejo Coin Show , BPOE/Vallejo Elks Lodge #559, Banquet Room, 2850 Redwood parkway, Information: (707) 642-0216 or (707) 547-0518, EMPERORI@juno.com . |
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Fifty Years Ago

- The first annual NASC convention was held February 17-19, 1956, at the New Clark Hotel in Los Angeles, with Charles Ruby presenting the first NASC educational symposium. Two-hundred and twelve attended the banquet at \$3.50 each.
- The entire membership of CSNA had their names and home addresses printed in the March, 1956 issue of *Calcoin News*. Can you imagine such a policy in today's security-conscious world?



Twenty-Five Years Ago

- In the “how many times does this guy get profiled?” column, I see that Mike Stanley, featured in our fall, 2005, *California Coin Pioneers*, was also highlighted in the winter, 1981 issue of *Calcoin News*. I see Mike was clean-shaven in those old days. I think he has much more visual character now, don't you?
- Abe Kosoff gave his memorable “Hello, Suckers!” speech at the 26th NASC convention. Abe's startling introduction to his topic developed into an indictment of the overgrading plaguing the hobby, and presaged the introduction of impartial third-party grading.



Ten Years Ago

- In computer years this is really more like sixty or seventy years ago (tongue in cheek), but the spring, 1996 issue of *Calcoin News* carried an item by Joel Anderson about CSNA having a page on the Internet. It was provided courtesy of www.coinlink.com, and they still host a link that redirects one to the current CSNA Web site at www.calcoin.org.
- Flipping through the first 1996 issue of *The NASC Quarterly*, I noticed this rather intriguing entry, “Old-time collector Eddy Schriver passed away. He had cemented into his den's fireplace over 7,000 silver dollars. Does that mean the flames cast ‘Silver Shadows?’” I figure that at today's silver prices he probably doubled the value of his home with that one improvement alone!
- That same NASC issue brought back a poignant memory for me with the announcement of the passing away of Glendale Coin Club's secretary and editor, Carol Booth. She gave me my start in writing about coins.—Greg



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By the way, have you gotten sick yet of all the mentions I've made in this issue about the new mailing address for TCN? If not, then I'll say it again: please send mail to the new address at PO Box 1181, Claremont, CA 91711. Do *not* send it to the old Glendora address. Please, you'll help me sleep better at night...